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REPORTS

of the

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

and

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

of the

TOWN OF COHASSET:

Together with the

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting,

Held March 5, 1849,

and a

LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year 1849.

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EXPENDITURES.

For Balance due from the Town on account, March 6, 1848,	$220.13
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS PAID BY THE TREASURER, since the 6th of March, 1848, by order of the Selectmen:	
Martin N. Bates, note and interest in full,	56.53
Jacob F. Bates, note and interest in full,	134.25
Betsy Snow, abatement on tax, 1845,	.61
Samuel Bates, funnel &c. for South School,	6.06
Stowers Beal, delinquent Highway taxes, 1847,	19.97
Nathan Beal, do. do.	9.62
John Morse, do. do.	9.41
Thomas Smith, do. do.	2.40
John Burbank, do. do.	1.53
Caleb Lincoln, do. do.	7.19
Nathan Beal, for 48 loads of gravel,	2.88
Lydia Nichols, abatement on tax, 1846,	.80
Harvey Barnes, do. do.	.30
Ezekiel Bates, abatement on John Stephenson's tax,	.93
Ezekiel Bates, do. do. David Orcutt's tax,	.93
Henry Nichols, do. do. his tax for 1848,	.94
Ezra Towle, Collector for 1848, the following abatements, viz:	
Sarah H. Beal, 1.09	

Estate of Ephraim Marble,	0.92	
James Childs,	0.60	
George W. Durgan,	1.12	
Joshua Litchfield,	1.12	
John Powers,	2.08	
John Stephenson,	1.12	
Charles Studley,	1.45	
John B. Bates,	1.12	
Abraham Litchfield,	0.60	
Jonathan Chase,	1.72	
		12.34
Levi N. Bates, Collector for 1847, the following abatements, viz:		
Peter Bates,	1.15	
William E. Hayden,	1.15	
David Orcutt,	1.15	
John Powers,	2.79	
George W. Stoddard,	1.15	
Barden H. Prouty,	1.15	
Richard A. Kilburn,	1.99	
Thomas Williams,2nd,	1.15	
Lot Pratt,	1.15	
James Litchfield,Jr.	1.57	
Joseph Antone,	1.15	
Washington Dalloff,	1.15	
Charles -------,	1.15	
		17.85
S. P. Gove, Town's share for repairing Bridge at Cove,		10.00
Jeremy Towle, extra compensation for widening Bridge at Cove, agreeably to a vote of the Town,		50.00

School Committee, services for 1847-8,	49.87
Job Cushing, expense of extinguishing the fire in the woods, in July, 1847,	22.50
Willcutt & Tower, bill of Lumber,	4.25
Martin Lincoln, blasting rocks,	30.00
Willcutt & Tower, bill of Lumber,	19.69
Cohasset Savings Bank, note and interest in full,	514.33
Betsey Lincoln's note and interest in full,	105.25
Osborn Wood, bill on Beech Wood School House,	3.54
Samuel Bates, Stove for Beech Wood District,	10.75
Do. do. Stove for South District,	9.50
County Tax for 1848,	353.44
Howard & Davis, packing Weights and Measures,	10.00
George Beal, Jr. freighting do. do.	5.00
South Shore Rail Road, transporting Fire Engine,	1.00
David Cushing, 266 feet Boards,	3.99
Alexander S. Litchfield,	4.83
John & Aaron Pratt, bill on Beech Wood School House,	3.71
Col. Newcomb Bates, interest on note,	7.50
Marshal Bates, bounty for killing 1 dog,	1.00
William Crowell, do. 3 do.	3.00
Andrew Morse, do. 4 do.	4.00

David Stoddard, bounty for killing 1 dog,			1.00
Ephraim Battles,	do.	1 do.	1.00
Galen James,	do.	1 do.	1.00
DeWitt Clinton Bates,	do.	1 do.	1.00
William Stoddard,	do.	1 do.	1.00
Foster Litchfield,	do.	1 do.	1.00
Discount on Taxes, paid in before August,			69.97
Do. do. paid in before November,			7.62
Treasurer's services,			30.00
			$1,845.41

Paid the following sums since the 6th of March, 1848, by order of the Overseers of the Poor, viz:

Caleb Coburn, bill of Groceries,	24.39
William Peakes, on account of salary,	25.00
Abigail Stephenson, for work,	.75
William Peakes, on account of salary,	50.00
Moses Whiton, bill of Grain,	30.59
Caleb Lincoln, bill of Hay,	12.52
Miss C. K. Nichols, making robe for Dyer,	.20
Caleb Coburn, bill of Tea, &c.	25.77
Thomas Smith, bill of Oxen,	101.20

Jabez Keep, bill of Cloth	3.42	
Moses Whiton, bill of Grain,	23.02	
Josiah Oakes, for half ton Coal,	3.75	
William Peakes, on account of Salary,	75.00	
Moses Whiton, barrel of Flour,	6.00	
		381.61
		$2,227.02

The Treasurer is ordered to pay the following sums, viz:

High School,	272.00	
Centre District,	244.05	
South District,	226.50	
North District,	184.70	
Beech Wood District,	206.90	
Jerusalem District,	127.35	
		1,261.50
Abraham H. Tower, services as Selectman and Assessor,	20.00	
Do. as Overseer of the Poor,	8.34	
Do. sundry bills paid by him,	65.74	
		94.08
Jonathan B. Bates, services as Selectman and Assessor,		20.00
Lot Bates, services as Selectman and Assessor,	20.00	
Do. as Overseer of the Poor,	8.33	

Do. for repairing Bridge,	1.62	
		29.95
Newcomb Bates, Jr. for registering Births and Deaths,	2.80	
Do. Ringing Bell,&c.	1.50	
Do. Printing Notices,	.50	
		4.80
Levi M. Bates, School Books,	16.95	
Do. expense for Collecting Taxes,	12.58	
Do. Sundry articles from Store,	19.08	
		48.61
Thomas Smith, services as Overseer of the Poor,	8.33	
Do. Whitewashing Centre School House,	2.00	
Do. 1 yoke oxen, cart and man 1 day,	1.50	
Do. 20 lbs. Iron Hinges for gate, at alms-house,	1.25	
Do. 2 bushels Indian Meal,	2.00	
		15.08
Simeon P. Gove, Painting and Glazing,	8.60	
Do. Shovelling Snow,	.50	
		9.10
Leavitt Burbank, shoeing oxen,		3.12
Zaccheus Rich, making coffin and work at		

alms-house,		20.37
Pratt & Rich, rent of Room for School,		10.00
Caleb Lincoln, shoveling snow,		2.25
Ephraim Lincoln, do. do.		4.00
Jeremy Towle, blasting rocks and powder,	5.50	
Do. work on Bridge, Deer Hill Lane,	3.00	
Do. digging grave and attending funeral,	3.00	
		11.50
Thomas Pratt, Cloth &c. at Store,		5.82
Ephraim Snow, Jr., 1 Hat, .33 - 1 Padlock, .25,	.58	
Do. bill of Powder,	2.05	
		2.63
Levi Nichols, bill for Freighting,		1.77
Amos Tilden, Smithing,		7.92
Caleb Nichols, Glazing at South School House,		1.20
Isaac Kent, work on South School House,	4.50	
Do. Shoveling Snow,	.62	
		5.12
Henry Doane, Jr., work on Bridge, Deer Hill Lane,		2.65
Martin Lincoln, work on Deer Hill Lane Bridge,	6.12	
Do. paid for whitewashing South School		

House,	2.25	
Do. Blasting Rocks, Jerusalem Road,	16.00	
		24.37
John Burbank, Standing Wood at auction,		21.00
Abraham Hall, Fish for Alms-House,		1.75
Job Pratt, Jr., work at Alms-House,		6.00
Laban Worrick, mending shoes,		4.78
William B. Johnson, notifying persons whose taxes have been abated,		2.60
Solomon J. Beal, making shoes for E. Wheelwright,		2.50
John R. James, use of horse and plough 1½ days,		1.50
Zenas Stoddard, Store bill for Alms-House,	14.61	
Do. Stationery and Postage,	1.76	
Do. Coal, 4.00 - 3 Brooms, .75 - 1 Brush, .25 - 1 Padlock, .25	5.25	
		21.62
David Beal, setting Glass, 2.75 - 3 Brooms, .60,	3.35	
Do. Tin Pan and Pint, .25 - 1 Lock, .33,	0.58	
Do. Water Pail for Jerusalem School,	0.25	
		4.18
Do. for Gravel and work on road,		10.80

Dr. Ezekiel Pratt, Medical attendance at Alms-house,		5.70
Zaccheus L. Beal, 1 bbl. Flour for Alms-house,		6.50
Laban Souther, paid Solomon Lincoln, for advice,	1.00	
Do. services on Com. on Encroachments,	1.00	
		2.00
Orrin R. Beal, underpinning school house in 1846,		1.50
Josiah Oakes, rent of Room for Selectmen and Clerk,		12.00
Proprietors of Academy, rent of Room for Town Meetings,		25.00
Jacob Tuck, rent of Room for High School,		22.80
John Bates, old Junk for Alms-house,		28.50
Hunneman & Co. Fire Engine and Apparatus,		986.25
		2,752.82
Amount paid by Treasurer, brought from Page 5,		2,227.02
Total Expenses,		4,979.84
Total Credit deducted, see Page 8 (page 11 this copy)		4,530.10
Balance against the Town on account,		449.74

Abraham H. Tower, sundry articles,	31.74
Thomas Pratt, bill of Cloth,	5.82
Zaccheus Rich, for Coffin,	5.50
Ephraim Snow, Jr., one Hat,	.33
Dr. Ezekiel Pratt, Medical Attendance,	5.70
Levi Nichols, Freight in Glance,	1.77
Leavitt Burbank, Shoeing Oxen,	3.12
John R. James, Ploughing,	1.50
Amos Tilden, Smithing,	4.00
John Bates, 950 lbs, old Junk, at 3 cts.	28.50
Thomas Smith, 2 bushels Meal,	2.00
Jeremy Towle, services as Sexton,	3.00
Zaccheus L. Beal, 1 bbl. Flour,	6.50
Charles Burbank, butchering,	1.00
Henry Doane, 1½ bushels Salt,	.60
Abatement on Josiah O. Lawrence's bill of Oakum,	1.75
Capt. William Peakes, for salary to 1st. February,	150.00
Overseers services,	25.00
Rent of Alms House,	170.00
Amount of Stock on hand, February, 1848,	722.22
	$1,471.57
Amount of Credit deducted, see Page 10 (page 13 this copy)	762.57
	$ 709.00

RECEIPTS OF THE ALMS HOUSE,
For the year ending February 22, 1849.

By Nails charged in L. N. Bates' bill,	.48
" Nails charged in Zenas Stoddard 's bill,	1.32
" Ox, Calf, &c. sold to Elliot Stoddard,	70.17
" Sundries, Capt. Peakes,	.25
" 350 lbs. Oakum, sold to Abraham H. Tower,	28.00
" 40 do. do. to Abraham Hall,	3.20
" 21 do. do. to James C. Doane,	1.68
" 12½ do. do. to Henry Doane,	1.00
" 46 do. do. to Lewis Willcutt,	3.68
" 31 do. do. to John Bates,	2.48
" 1 Stick for Bowsprit, to James C. Doane,	4.00
" Use of Cart, 5 days, by Thomas Bates,	1.00
" Board of Mrs. J. Q. A. Peakes,	14.26
	131.52
Amount of Stock on hand, Feb. 22, 1849,	631.05
	762.57

Town of Cohasset 337 weeks
Town of Hull 63 weeks
Making 400 weeks board.
$709.00 the amount of the expenses

after deducting the credit, divided by 400, the number of weeks board in the house, during the year, gives 1.77 cents per week.

Hull, 63 weeks, at 1.77 per week,		$111.51
Overseers Services,	5.00	
Cash to balance,	106.51	
		111.51
Expenses as above,		709.00
Amount received from Hull,	106.51	
Rent of Establishment charged in making up account with Hull,	170.00	
		276.51
Expense to the Town of Cohasset,		$432.49

After deducting the amount received from the Town of Hull, and the rent, the sum of $432.49 remains, as above stated, which sum being divided by 337 weeks board, gives an average weekly expense to the town of Cohasset, for their Paupers, for the last year, of $1.28 113-337 cts; which being higher than usual, may be accounted for by the loss of an ox, worth $50., the low price of hay, compared with former years, and various items in the inventory being appraised lower than usual, and the small number of inmates that were supported at the house.

RECAPITULATION.

Balance against the Town, last year,		220.13
Town Officers,		167.67
Roads and Bridges- Delinquent Highway Taxes, 1847,	50.12	
Blasting Rocks, Gravel, &c.	155.49	205.61
Abatements on Taxes,		34.74
Expense of Collecting Taxes for 1847,		15.18
Discount on Taxes for 1848 at 6 and 3 per cent,		77.59
Expense on School Houses, Repairs and Furniture,		57.04
School Books,		16.95
Weights and Measures, packing and freight,		15.00
Bounty on Dogs,		14.00
Rent of Room---Town Meetings, Schools & Selectmen,		69.80
*Appropriation for Schools, including School Fund,		1261.50
Engine & Apparatus, including freight,		987.25
County Tax,		353.44
Alms House,		534.18
Miscellaneous,		131.90
Notes and Interest paid,		817.86
Making the total amount paid and ordered to be paid,		$4,979.84
To which add Notes and Interest against the Town,		1,061.20
Makes the amount of Town Debt,		6,041.04

(Amount of Town Debt, brought forward,)	6,041.04
Credit, as per Page 8 (page 11 this copy), deducted,	4,530.10
Leaves the actual balance against the Town,	$1,510.94

*Expended for Wages of Teachers and Fuel.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1849,
Chosen at the Annual Meeting.

Moderator - Henry J. Turner.

Clerk - Newcomb Bates, Jr.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor - Jonathan B. Bates, Lot Bates, and Newcomb Bates, Jr.

Treasurer and Collector - Levi N. Bates.

Surveyors of Highways - with their limits -

No.1. Josiah Oakes - from Guide Board near the Post Office to Hingham line, including the road to the Burial Ground, the old road through Nocky Nook and the Road over the hill to the Centre School House.

No.1. Lot Vinal - Deer Hill Lane, including the cross road by J. C. Doane's dwelling house.

No.2. Martin Lincoln - from Guide Board near the Post Office to

Scituate line, including the road to the line upon the Dam, and the cross road, passing the dwelling house of Elliot Stoddard.

No.3. Thomas Smith - from the Post Office, passing by Cove Bridge over the Gulf Bridge to Scituate line.

No.3. Abraham Hall - from the road near Capt. Joseph H. Smith's dwelling house to Hominy Point, including the road over the Hill from the Centre School House.

No.4. Richard Wells - The roads commencing on No.3, near the Cove Bridge and near Zealous Bates' dwelling house until they intersect each other, thence passing by the South School House, to the main road, at Capt. John Barker's, including Pond-Street to the new road near the Pond and Snow's Lane.

No.5. Minot Pratt - The road from the main road near Capt. Anselm Lothrop's to Beech Wood Street at Moses Pratt's, including a piece of the old road at the Pond.

No.6. Martin Humphrey - The road from Strait's Pond Bridge, including Cohasset part of said Bridge to the division of the road near Caleb Beal's dwelling-house, and Cohasset part of Side Hill Road.

No.6. Ephraim Lincoln - from Stowers Beal's house, easterly to the dwelling house of Aaron Nichols.

No.7. Warren Bates - from the dwelling

house of Aaron Nichols to the main road near James C. Doane's house, including the old road below Steep Rocks.

No.8. John Pratt, 2d. - from head of Beech Wood Street to the Stone Bridge, near F. L. Bates' dwelling house, including the cross road to Scituate.

No.9. Caleb Lincoln - from the Stone Bridge near F. L. Bates' dwelling house to the main road near Charles Pratt's dwelling house.

Constables - William B. Johnson, Simeon P. Gove and Benjamin Barnes.

Field Drivers - Lincoln Stoddard, Samuel Nichols, John M. Lincoln, Caleb Beal, Jr., Jesse Tower, Isaac Lincoln, Daniel Hudson, Levi Tower, Warren Bates, Frederick Bates, Warren Orcutt and Minot Pratt.

Fence Viewers - Jonathan B. Bates, Howard Pratt and Abraham H. Tower.

Surveyors of Lumber - Jonathan B. Bates and Isaac Kent.

Surveyors of Wood and Bark - To be appointed by the Selectmen.

Culler of Hoops and Staves - Zealous Bates.

Fire Wardens - Laban Souther and William B. Johnson.

School Committee - Edward Tower, Joseph Osgood and Frederick A. Reed.

Committee to Purchase Academy - (See Records), William B. Johnson, Abraham H. Tower and Martin Lincoln.

Committee to Contract with the

Town of Hull - (See Records), Jonathan B. Bates, Lot Bates and Newcomb Bates, Jr.

The following officers were appointed by the Selectmen:

Measurers of Wood and Bark - Daniel Tower and John Q. Lothrop.

Sealer of Weights and Measures - Samuel Bates.

Pound Keeper - Levi Tower.

RECORDS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, held March 5, 1849.

Voted, to accept the Selectmen's Overseers' of the Poor and Treasurer's Accounts, and that they be printed, so that every tax payer may have a copy, to include the proceedings of the day and a List of Town Officers.

Voted To lay the Report of the School Committee on the table.

Voted, To raise $1,200. for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

Voted, To lay the 6th Article on the Table.

Voted, To appropriate the School money the same as last year, as follows: That there be appropriated for the High School $350. - $50. for each District, and the remainder to be divided according to the number of scholars; and that each District have the privilege of withdrawing their part of the High School money, to be used for the District; and all persons wishing to withdraw their money from the High School shall

make it known to the Assessors on or before the first day of June, 1849.

Voted, Not to accept the proposition made by the School Committee in their annual Report, in regard to the qualification for entering the High School.

Voted, That the Taxes be collected the same as last year, and that they be paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of April, 1850, as follows: all persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes into the Treasury on or before the 1st day of August. 1849, shall receive a discount of 6 per cent. and all persons who shall pay after the above date and on or before the 1st day of November, 1849, shall receive a discount of 3 per cent. on the amount of their taxes, and all taxes not paid on or before the first day of April, 1850, shall be committed to a Constable for collection.

Voted, That the Highways be repaired by a tax payable in labor.

Voted, To raise $800. for the repair of the Highways, the ensuing year.

Voted, to appropriate $50. of the sum already raised for the repair of the Highways in labor, in addition to their usual appropriation, and that there be an additional sum of $50. assessed and appropriated in money for the purpose of lowering the grade of the hill near Samuel Bates' shop, and raising the road leading from thence to Hominy Point.

Voted, That the Selectmen examine the road before appropriating the Highway money, and appropriate it as they may deem expedient.

Whole number of votes for County Treasurer 86, all of which were cast for John Bullard, Esq.

Voted, To pass over the 17th Article, which is as follows:

"Art. 17. To see if the Town will purchase the land recently sold to Mr. John Morse, near his dwelling house, and act thereon."

Voted, That there be a Committee of three chosen to ascertain for what sum the Academy can be bought. (See list of Town Officers.)

Voted, That the Committee chosen to ascertain for what sum the Academy can be bought, be authorized to purchase the same, if they can for a reasonable sum.

Voted, that the owners of any dogs shall pay a tax of two dollars for each and every dog they own; to take effect on the first day of May and remain in force one year.

Voted, To choose a Committee to confer with the Committee from the Town of Hull in regard to the keeping of their Paupers. (See List of Town Officers.)

Voted, that the Selectmen purchase such articles for the Fire Engine as are necessary, in their opinion.

Voted, to pass over the 22d and 23d Articles, which are as follows:

"Art. 22. Will the Town permit Capt. Nichols Tower to work out his highway tax on the road leading from the old meeting house to his dwelling house."

"Art. 23. Will the Town permit Mr. John J. Lothrop to work out his highway tax on the road leading from his dwelling house to the public road."

Voted, To assess and appropriate the sum of thirty dollars in money for procuring stone, for widening the Bridge and Causeway on the road leading from Beechwood Street to Scituate, and that the Surveyor for that District expend the same for the purpose for which it was raised.

Voted, That the Selectmen prosecute to conviction all known violations of the License Law.

Voted, That the Selectmen be requested to stake out such roads on the Common as they may deem necessary for the convenience of those who have to pass over it, and that they forbid all travel on any other roads; and that they forbid any gravel to be carried on or taken off without their permission.

Voted, To leave the 27th Article, which is as follows, to the Selectmen:

"Art. 27. Will the Town purchase a small quantity of land of Mr. Abel Kent, with the view to straighten the road near Pratt's Rocks, in Beech Wood Street, and act thereon."

Voted, To appropriate twenty-five dolls. out of the sum already raised

for the repair of the Highways, payable in labor, and to assess and appropriate twenty-five dollars in money in addition to the usual appropriation, for raising the Causeway near Mr. Martin K. Bailey's house; the same to be expended by the Surveyor for that District.

Voted, To pass over the 29th Article, which is as follows:

"Art. 29. Will the Town permit Mr. Thomas Lincoln to work out his highway tax on the private way leading from the public road to his dwelling house.

Voted, To take up the 6th Article.

Voted, To raise $1,500 dollars to defray the necessary charges of the Town, the current year.

Voted, That the several School Districts choose their own Prudential Committees, and contract for their Teachers.

Voted, To dissolve the Meeting.

Newcomb Bates, Jr.,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

For the Year ending Feb. 1st, 1860.

INCLUDING THE

REPORTS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

THE

TOWN TREASURER,

AND THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

BOSTON:
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

School Committee's Services, 1858–9.

Edward Tower,	$25 00	
Joseph Osgood,	31 00	
D. B. Tower,	22 00	
" " services to Sept. 3, 1859,	15 00	
		$93 00

Town Officers' Services.

J. Q. A. Lothrop, Selectman,	20 00	
John Wilson, Jr. "	20 00	
S. J. Beal, "	20 00	
J. Q. A. Lothrop, Assessor,	68 00	
S. J. Beal, "	68 00	
Aaron Pratt, "	68 00	
Edward Tower, Treasurer,	100 00	
N. Bates, Jr., Town Clerk,	29 25	
		393 25

Printing.

J. Wilson & Son, School Report, 1858,	12 04	
Blossom & Easterbrook, tax bill,	1 00	
Bates & Tower,	13 25	
		26 29

Jerusalem School-House.

J. S. Beals, painting,	40 00	
S. Bates, stove,	10 50	
P. P. Nichols, carpenter,	6 95	
I. W. Beal, repairs,	10 37	
		67 82

North School-House.

F. J. Damon, blacksmith,	2 06	
L. N. Bates, brooms,	94	
J. W. Davis, " &c.	53	
S. P. Gove, setting glass,	3 50	
Beal's Express, keys,	1 13	
		8 16

Centre School-House.

Samuel Bates, stove repairs,	1 00	
J. O. Lawrence, broom,	25	
Elias Bourne, carpenter,	1 92	
L. N. Bates, brooms, &c.	1 17	
		4 34

South School-House.

Edward Tower, brooms, &c.	69	
Otis Vinal, bell,	88	
Samuel Bates, stoves and funnels,	63 67	
Gove & Pratt, setting glass,	5 89	
W. A. W. Tilden, lock, &c.	1 00	
C. J. Nichols, carting wood,	50	
		72 63

Beechwood School-House.

Chas. H. Wood,	1 00	
Aaron Pratt, sundries,	5 61	
M. B. Stetson, brooms, &c.	97	
I. S. Pratt's bill, 1858,	15 40	
		22 98

High School.

Dickinson, Lincoln & Co., dusters,	1 25	
Edw. Tower, crayons,	53	
C. Merriam, broom,	25	
L. N. Bates, " &c.	86	
James Beal, cleaning,	1 50	
		4 39

Jerusalem District.

Teacher's salary,	182 00	
Lott Bates, wood,	5 00	
Isaac W. Beal, sawing, &c.	4 00	
		191 00

North District.

Teachers' salaries,	260 00	
A. H. Tower, wood,	18 00	
John Willcut, making fires, &c.	14 25	
		292 25

Centre District.

Teachers' salaries,	260 00	
C. H. Willard, coal,	24 28	
J. Willcut, making fires,	8 50	
A. K. Tilden, sawing wood,	2 00	
Wood from Alms-house,	3 00	
		297 78

South District.

Teachers' salaries,	260 00	
W. B. Taylor, sawing wood,	2 25	
M. B. Stetson, wood,	2 64	
Caleb Nichols, "	11 50	
H. T. Pratt, "	2 25	
C. H. Willard, coal,	15 68	
J. F. Ennis, sawing wood, &c.	7 60	
Byron Nute, care of room,	2 00	
		303 92

Beechwood District.

Teachers' salaries,	248 00	
Aaron Pratt, wood,	10 19	
John J. A. Pratt, fires, &c.	4 50	
Benjamin Pratt,	19 87	
		282 56

High School.

Teachers' salaries,	760 00	
Chas. H. Willard, coal,	41 50	
W. S. Tower, making fires, &c.	25 00	
L. Burbank, sawing wood,	3 00	
H. Snow, Jr., wood,	14 50	
		844 00

Town Meetings.

H. Bruce, notifying,	4 00	
James Beal, "	4 00	
		8 00

Town Hall.

W. S. Tower, tending rooms,	2 00	
C. L. Rich, labor on furnace,	6 50	
E. Barker, setting glass,	80	
S. Bates, funnel,	31 50	
W. A. W. Tilden, carpenter,	2 00	
James Beal, sinks and glasses,	7 50	
" " Lecture Board of Education,	4 00	
		54 30

New South School-House.

Jeremy Towle, cellar and underpinning,	198 00	
W. A. W. Tilden, building and desks,	1,777 00	
" " extras,	61 60	
A. W. Hayden, pointing,	13 00	
H. Bruce, varnishing 3 doors,	75	
		2,050 35

School Books.

L. N. Bates,	52 41	
Edward Tower,	13 90	
		66 31

Highway Taxes, 1858, returned by Surveyor.

A. Cushing, Surveyor,	11 01	
B. Joy, "	2 55	
S. Stockbridge, "	6 58	
H. Pratt, "	14 53	
L. L. Worrick, "	14 50	
H. T. Pratt, "	1 88	
Thos. Hudson, "	25 57	
W. Bates, Jr. "	10 27	
R. Wells, "	8 76	
		95 65

Roads and Bridges.

Henry Collier, railing, 1858,		4 92	
Ezra Towle, blowing rocks Jerusalem road,	55 50		
John Morse, do.	15 00		
Jeremy Towle, do.	29 50		
		100 00	
Ezra Towle, bridge on King street,		10 00	
" " blowing rocks and repairing road at Black Rock,		30 00	
Edward Tower, surveying and plan,		7 00	
Thomas Bates, repairing road,		11 25	
Patrick Mulvey, removing ledge at Governor's Hill,		45 50	
Isaac S. Pratt, repairing bridge,		8 00	
" " building "		7 00	
J. B. Bates, gravel,		15 00	
Aaron Pratt, "		5 00	
Stowers Beal, "		7 60	
Henry Bates, "		3 80	
Isaac Kent, "		3 00	
Stowers Beal, repairing road, 1852, as per vote of town,		37 63	
Daniel Sullivan, Hominy Point,		25 63	
William Bates, "		6 75	
A. Whittington, "		4 00	
James Willcutt, "		10 50	
A. H. Tower, gravel "		13 75	
W. H. Stodder, labor on road in 1857,		1 67	
Thomas Bates, shovelling snow, 1858,		8 16	
			366 16

Fire Department.

Poll tax abated,	48 43	
A. W. Hayden, steward,	20 00	
A. T. Prouty, globe for lamp,	87	
L. N. Bates, fluid,	1 25	
		70 55

Miscellaneous.

Peter Falcon, moving safe,	10 00	
Dog tax, 1858, refunded,	29 00	
Geo. B. Brown & Co., stationery,	1 96	
J. W. Whittemore, "	1 25	
Levi Pratt, damage to grass,	12 00	
Lewis Stoddard, postage,	48	
J. Q. A. Lothrop, stationery, &c.	1 18	
Hiram Bruce, collection, &c.	9 24	
C. Merriam, spikes for mill bridge, 1858,	68	
L. N. Bates, stationery,	5 38	
John Wilson, Jr., horse hire, selectmen,	12 00	
S. L. Damon, dog killing,	2 50	
B. & R. L. Parker, doors North School-House, 1857,	26 25	
James Beal, horse hire, Assess. and Treas.	7 25	
Edward Tower, books, &c., Treas. Office,	3 75	
Samuel Brown, watching, 1858,	6 25	
Bounty on crows' heads,	3 50	
Beal's Express,	3 00	
Levi Pratt, for land S. School-House,	350 00	
W. A. W. Tilden, fencing do.	75 00	
Jeremy Towle, grading,	20 50	
J. W. Towle, "	11 25	
James Stoddard, "	15 50	
Zealous Bates, "	15 00	
Joseph F. Ennis, "	1 00	
W. A. W. Tilden, fencing,	8 85	
Amos Tilden, iron-worked fence,	7 15	
Hiram Bruce, painting fence,	1 50	
Committee's service, S. School-House,	9 00	
Plans and specifications, do., J.J. Lincoln,	13 50	
M. B. Stetson, supplies to G. Prouty, '58,	10 00	
" " damage for sheep,	7 00	
Geo. S. Smith, do.	20 00	
H. Bruce, commissions on abated taxes,	3 18	
John Wilson, Jr., committees,	17 50	
J. Q. A. Lothrop, "	21 00	
S. J. Beal, "	17 50	
Approp'n for deficiency in school money,	100 00	
		860 10

RECAPITULATION.

School Committee's services,	93 00
Town Officers,	393 25
Printing,	26 29
Jerusalem School-House, repairs, &c.	67 82
North " "	8 16
Centre " "	4 34
South " "	72 63
Beechwood " "	22 98
High " "	4 39
Jerusalem District, teaching and fires,	191 00
North " "	292 25
Centre " "	297 78
South, " "	303 92
Beechwood " "	282 56
High School "	844 00
Notifications town meetings,	8 00
Town Hall, repairing furnace, &c.	54 30
New South School-House,	2,050 35
School Books,	66 31
Highway taxes of 1858, returned by surveyors,	95 65
Roads and bridges,	366 16
Fire Department,	70 55
Miscellaneous,	860 10
Support of Poor in Alms-House, and rep's on house,	1,051 18
do. do. out of Alms-House,	183 81
Total am't of orders drawn on Treas. by Selectmen,	$7,710 78

Abatements made by Assessors,	112 32	
County tax paid by order of same,	830 90	
State do. do. do.	393 00	
	$1,336 22	
Amount in Treasurer's hands as per his report Feb. 1, 1860,		2,218 66
Deduct bills ordered, not paid,		890 18
Balance in the treasury,		1,328 48

H. J. Turner's note, Nov. 26, 1859,	318 32
Sundry bills due Alms-House, 1858–9,	30 15

Bills due Alms-House, as per Overseer's report, 1860, viz. :		
Hay used at pound,	20 00	
John Wilson, Jr., labor,	2 00	
M. Knight, timber,	1 00	
S. Nichols, wood,	8 00	
M. Mulvey, "	6 50	
R. Fish, wood and lumber,	21 50	
Due from town of Hull, support of poor,	77 67	
do. from Scituate, for same,	302 24	787 38
Total assets,		$2,115 86

Town Debt.

H. Doane, Jr., 4 notes due April 1, 1863,	$800	
C. Pratt, 1 note due March 15, 1860,	1,000	
" 1 " " " 15, 1861,	1,000	
L. Willcutt, 3 notes due March 15, 1862,	300	
" 2 " " April 1, 1863,	200	
C. Nichols, 1 note due April 1, 1862,	500	
Cohasset Savings Bank, 8 notes, due April 1, 1868, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75,	8,000	
Hingham Savings Bank, 4 notes, due April 1, 1864, '65, '66, '67,	3,500	
D. T. Lothrop, 1 note due April 24, 1867,	500	
Cohasset M. F. I. Co., 2 notes due April 1, 1862,	200	
Levi Pratt, demand note,	350	
		16,350 00
Interest on above, the Treasurer reports as paid to Oct. 1, 1859.		
Keeper's salary to Feb. 1st,	166 66	166 66
		$16,516 66
Deduct Assets,		2,115 86
Town debt,		$14,400 80

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
JOHN WILSON, JR.,
SOLOMON J. BEAL, } *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

February 1st, 1860.

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

Sale of liquors from April 1, 1859, to Feb. 1, '60,		$153 53
Cr. Liquors received from former agent,		12 42
		$165 95
Cash paid for liquors,	138 10	
Beal's Express,	5 85	
Salary,	10 00	
Liquors on hand,	12 00	
		$165 95

Cohasset, Feb. 1, 1860. T. M. SMITH, *Agent.*

Abatement made by Assessors.

Taxes of sundry persons, 1856–7,		3 75
do. do. 1858,		65 03
do. do. 1859,		43 54
		$112 32

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Ephraim Snow's bill,	207 82
M. B. Stetson, grain and groceries,	126 04
J. B. Bates,	1 00
C. D. Perry, plough and comforters,	9 13
S. Bates, tin ware, 4 56 ; J. W. Fish, fish, 4 08,	8 64
C. A. Studley, fish,	6 53
C. F. Nichols, groceries,	53 28
W. B. West, grass, 5 00 ; N. C. Hunt, bread, 4 00,	9 00
F. Damon, smith, 6 20 ; A. Hall, 1 59,	7 79
N. Tower, 2d, 1858,	87
Levi Oakes, Jr., whitewashing,	3 00
Thomas Smith, pasturing,	5 00
C. Cottle, grain,	53 86
A. R. Treat, Jr., fish,	1 50
F. Litchfield, fish and lobsters,	3 19
Richard Bourne, wood, standing,	17 50
C. Merriam, groceries and tools,	53 56
J. St. John, tailoring, 1858–9,	1 50
J. J. Lothrop, sea muck,	2 99
H. Hersey, standing wood, 1858,	18 00
Daniel Tower, dry goods,	3 45
John Tower, labor,	4 50
Isaac S. Pratt, sawing lumber,	5 22
Amos Tilden, smith work,	23 26

Dr. Foster, attendance at Alms-House,	5 75
E. Stoddard, tin ware,	1 00
J. O. Lawrence, groceries,	23 43
John Taylor, fish and clams,	6 90
Jonathan Cushing, beef,	6 09
J. C. Doane, grass,	25 00
Bourne & Nickerson, beef,	115 81
J. Q. A. Lothrop, beans,	72
Z. L. Beal, clothing,	12 50
Henry Hersey, wood,	14 38
N. Tower, apples,	2 50
Thomas Bates, bull,	4 00
Charles Howard, plough and repairs,	10 50
R. T. Burbank, potatoes,	1 00
Henry Nichols, cobbling,	12 90
C. Pratt, coffin and express,	9 50
Bourne & Nickerson, 1858, beef,	22 63
Keeper's salary,	200 00
Rent of farm,	200 00
Amount of stock on hand, Feb. 14, 1859,	1,690 72
	2,991 96

Stock on hand February 4th, 1860.

15 tons English hay,	255 00
¾ tons black grass, 7 50 ; 700 lbs. barley straw, 4 20,	11 70
19 bushels barley, 19 00 ; 450 feet lumber, 4 50,	23 50
1 grindstone, 25 ; 1 harrow, 8 00,	8 25
1 drag, 2 00 ; 1 wheelbarrow, 4 00,	6 00
3 ploughs, 17 63 ; 6 cattle ties, 2 00,	19 63
9 forks and shovels, 4 50 ; 2 hook hoes, 75,	5 25
2 ox yokes, 1 ladder,	7 00
1 sled, 10 00 ; 1 scalding tub, 50,	10 50
6 drag planks, 4 00 ; rakes and crow-bars, 4 50,	8 50
2 swine, 20 00 ; 1 calf, 10 00,	30 00
2 cows, 70 00 ; 1 heifer, 20 00,	90 00
1 yoke oxen, 90 00 ; 1 ox cart, 40 00,	130 00
1 ox wagon, 60 00 ; 300 feet pine plank, 3 00,	63 00
6½ cords cut wood,	39 00
4 ox chains, 4 00 ; 3 wedges, 1 50,	5 50
19 cords wood, 84 00 ; 10 cords wood trash, 27 00,	111 00
30 hens, 15 00 ; 1000 lbs. pork, 110 00,	125 00
300 lbs. beef, 24 00 ; 25 bushels carrots, 6 25,	30 25
20 bushels turnips, 10 00 ; 25 galls. soft soap, 2 50,	12 50
½ bbl. apples, 1 00 ; 1 bbl. flour, 7 50,	8 50
3 bushels Indian meal, 3 00 ; rye meal, 75,	3 75
Hoes, picks and axes,	3 50
Lot new rigging,	2 00

Axes and hatchets,	5 00	
Wood-saw and horse,	1 00	
1 bushel beans, 2 00 ; 4 meal bags, 1 00,	3 00	
½ bbl. vinegar, 3 00 ; nest of measures, 50,	3 50	
Washing machine and tubs,	4 00	
15 lbs. flour, 52 ; 140 lbs. lard, 16 80,	17 32	
Crockery and tin-ware,	15 00	
4 stoves and funnel,	20 00	
20 lbs. sugar,	1 90	
Part of chest of tea,	14 00	
100 lbs. dried apples,	10 00	
4 lbs. tobacco, 1 32 ; 50 lbs. salt fish, 2 50,	3 82	
1 pair steel-yards and augur,	1 50	
3 pecks onions, 75 ; 16 yds. sheeting, 1 52,	2 27	
1 lb. yarn, 1 15 ; piece of sattinet, 2 00,	3 15	
Empty casks, 4 00 ; 2 bush scythes, 2 50,	6 50	
25 lbs. butter,	6 25	
9 lbs. soap, 72 ; 1 lb. snuff, 25,	97	
Am't of stock on hand,		1,128 50

Amounts sold from Alms-House.

Ephraim Snow, wood and hay,	273 22	
J. O. Lawrence, lard and eggs,	17 97	
Bourne & Nickerson, calf,	4 80	
F. Damon, 6 feet wood,	3 37	
Henry Nichols, lumber and wood,	6 69	
Town of Scituate, wood,	1 50	
Hay used at pound,	20 00	
Centre District, 1 cord wood,	3 00	
John Wilson, Jr., labor,	2 00	
Martin Knights, timber,	1 00	
J. Q. A. Lothrop, wood,	12 25	
Warren Bates, Jr., wood,	16 00	
Samuel Nichols, wood,	8 00	
Matt Mulvey, wood,	6 50	
Rufus Fish, wood and lumber,	21 50	
Amount of receipts,		397 80
Amount of receipts and stock on hand,		$1,526 30
Amount of expenses brought forward,	2,991 96	
Ded. am't of receipts and stock on hand,	1,526 30	
		1,465 66
Town of Scituate, 156 weeks' board, at $1 92$\frac{85}{100}$,	300 83	
" Hull, 198 do., at same,	381 85	
" Cohasset, 406 do., at same,	782 98	
		1,465 66

Cohasset, 406 weeks at 1 92$\frac{85}{100}$,		782 98	
Deduct rent of farm,		200 00	
		582 98	
Overseer's services,	46 00		
J. Beal, carriage hire,	12 75		
E. Snow, " "	4 00		
		62 75	
		645 73	

Actual cost of each pauper per week, \$1 59$\frac{57}{100}$.

Repairs on Alms-House.

Henry Collier, lumber,	5 81	
Isaac Kent, lumber and labor,	31 63	
Alexander Litchfield, "	9 00	
S. P. Gove, painting,	17 79	
A. W. Hayden, mason,	4 25	
M. N. Bates, carpenter,	11 25	
D. Cushing, 2d, lumber,	40 97	
L. L. Worrick, posts,	1 20	
		121 40

Expenditures out of House.

Widow Olive Pratt, to Nov. 1,	69 42	
William Hayden,	17 06	
Dr. Foster's attendance on Mrs. Hayden,	12 00	
Mrs. N. D. Pratt (Board),	26 00	
Dr. Foster, bill to Isaac Phinney,	10 00	
" " Josiah Mann's family,	15 75	
City of Boston, for S. P. Joy, 1858–9,	19 83	
Thomas Smith's bill, State pauper, 1858,	8 00	
Dr. Foster, attendance on Mrs. Hill (Hull),	3 75	
A. Paine, for returning Job Wheelwright,	2 00	
		183 81

The Overseers would state, that the town has been relieved of the expense of the widow Olive Pratt, by Minot Pratt taking charge of her from November last. And they would also state, that they have assisted Mrs. N. D. Pratt to the amount of two dollars per week since November 1st—she being in such a situation as not to be able to be removed to the Alms-House.

EPHRAIM SNOW, } *Overseers of the*
T. M. SMITH, } *Poor.*

Dr. EDWARD TOWER, *Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Cohasset.* **Cr.**

To balance in Treasury, March 7, 1859,	606 98
Cash, use of Town Hall—for 1858, $61; for '59, $45,	106 00
Support of Hull poor, 1858,	267 93
do. do. in part, 1859,	307 92
Wood, hay, eggs, &c., sold from Alms-House,	456 03
Schooling children of Hull, 1858,	14 35
From School Fund, State Treasury,	86 52
From Strait's pond grass,	65 80
For Levi Pratt, note,	350 00
For L. Pratt's grass, of J. Towle,	10 00
For Dog Licenses, of Town Clerk,	74 00
From Hingham, supply, Prouty,	10 00
Of Jabez Keep, Pedlar's License,	6 00
For Interest on Ripley Fund,	50 00
Amount of Tax Bills, 1859,	9,788 06
	$12,199 59

COHASSET, FEB., 1860.

By Cash paid Elizabeth Bailey, note,	100 00
Paid D. W. Pratt, note,	100 00
Paid C. J. Pratt, 2 notes,	200 00
Paid J. O. Lawrence, 1 note,	100 00
Paid Int. on notes, to Oct. 1, 1859,	938 25
Paid Abatements on Taxes,	112 41
Paid Discount on Taxes,	375 77
Paid Selectmen's orders, since Mar. 7, 1859,	6,820 60
Paid State Tax,	393 00
Paid County Tax,	830 90
Balance in Treasury,	2,228 66
	$12,199 59

Order by Selectm. since Mar.,'59, not paid, $890 18

EDWARD TOWER, Treasurer.

REPORT

OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

THE TOWN OF COHASSET,

For 1859–60.

In compliance with the vote of the town, passed at the town meeting last March, requiring the Selectmen's Accounts and the School Committee's Report to be printed and distributed, or ready for distribution, by the 20th of February, the School Committee submit to the town their Report.

As the vote required the Accounts and the Report to be ready for distribution by the 20th of February, it has been necessary to prepare the Report before the close of any of the schools. Your Committee have not thought it expedient to have a formal and thorough examination of the schools till about the close of their terms, since after such examinations, the interest of both teachers and scholars is apt to flag, and but little profitable work is usually done. And, owing to circumstances beyond their control, they have not been able to visit and critically inspect all the schools, as they hoped to have done before preparing their Report. They will not, therefore, be able to make so full, precise and confident statements respecting the schools, or to give so complete statistics, as they would be able to do, were they permitted to wait till after the final examinations of the schools before making up their report.

The schools, as a whole, have been successful the present year. No school has been a failure; some have done better than last year, which was a year of more than usual prosperity in our schools, and other schools, which then held a high

rank, have creditably sustained that rank. The winter schools were probably never in a better average condition than they are at the present time.

Your Committee have attempted to carry out the same general principles in the management of the schools as in previous years. They have sought to impress most strongly on the minds of teachers the importance of training their pupils thoroughly in the common and elementary branches of education, viz., reading, spelling, writing, and arithmetic. They believe that more than usual attention has been given to these branches, and that, in some of the schools, more than ordinary progress has been made. Writing, especially, a branch of study too often neglected, has been carefully attended to; improvement has been manifest in all the schools, and there are many scholars whose progress in this art has been very marked and encouraging. But attention to it needs to be urged with even greater earnestness. Endeavors also have been made to have the children more thoroughly trained in correct articulation. These endeavors have been attended with only partial success, but it is hoped that a good beginning has been made, and that enough has been effected to lead to a more careful and systematic teaching of this art in all the schools. It is essential to good reading and speaking.

There have been but slight changes in the text-books of the children, and the changes that have been made have been attended with little or no increased expense.

On the first of July, the duty of engaging and contracting with all the teachers devolved on the Superintending Committee. They merely adopted and continued the arrangements that had been made by the Prudential Committee in the several districts; and, where their arrangements for the winter schools had not taken effect, they adopted and completed those arrangements. It has been necessary for the Superintending Committee to make only one new appointment in the districts, and in that instance they appointed a teacher to whom the school had been offered in the spring by the Prudential Committee.

The Jerusalem School has been continued under the charge of Miss Betsey B. Lincoln. Whole number of scholars in summer, 35; average attendance, 28. Whole number in winter, 36.

Miss Lincoln has been successful in the management of the school, and the school has generally been in good order when visited, though some irregularities have been noticed by the Committee, to which they have called the attention of the

teacher ; and which, they doubt not, she will be able thoroughly to correct. The school has seldom before been in so good a condition for the whole year. Very marked and satisfactory progress has been made in reading, improvement has been manifest in writing, and good attention seems to have been given to other studies. The experiment of continuing this school through the year under a female teacher has been highly successful ; the school has taken a start, and, from being one of the most backward schools in the town, may, under its present system, in a few years, take rank among the best and and most advanced.

The North Grammar School has been taught during the year by Miss Martha J. Bates. Whole number of scholars in summer, 51 ; average attendance, 34. Whole number in winter, 49.

This school was not in a very satisfactory state when Miss Bates took charge of it. Its order and general condition have not always been satisfactory during the year. Yet there has been gradual improvement in both respects. The children have shown greater diligence in their studies, and some of them have made good progress in some branches, particularly in writing and arithmetic. It usually requires more than one year for a teacher of one of our grammar schools to bring the school into a satisfactory state ; and it is hoped that Miss Bates, by diligence and perseverance, may succeed in raising the condition of the school to a high degree of efficiency.

The North Primary School was taught, during its Summer and part of its Fall Term, by Miss Mary G. Ripley. During the remainder of the Fall Term and the Winter Term, it has been taught by Miss Marcia P. Tower. Whole number of scholars in summer, 40 ; average attendance, 24. Whole number in winter, 20. The average attendance in winter has been small, probably not much exceeding 8.

Miss Ripley was very successful in this school. She gained the love of her pupils, interested them in the school, assisted them in making rapid progress in learning, and brought the school into a state of good discipline. She became deeply interested in her scholars, and they felt great attachment to her.

Miss Tower also has proved herself to be a teacher of extraordinary energy, industry, and efficiency. She has kept the school in an excellent state of discipline, and the children seem to have been carefully taught, and to be making good

progress in learning, and acquiring habits of prompt mental action and accurate study under her training.

This school is generally very small during its Winter Term. Some of the lower classes of the Grammar School, might, with advantage, be removed from that school and placed in this, during the Winter Term; thus relieving the Grammar School, which is large, of some of its scholars, affording more instruction to all the scholars belonging to it, by giving its teacher more time for teaching the rest of her pupils, securing better instruction for those who might be placed in the Primary School, and making the work of the teacher of that school really more interesting.

The Centre Grammar School has been continued under the charge of Miss Abby N. Bates. Whole number of scholars in summer, 57; average attendance, 47. Whole number in winter, 54.

This school has maintained its previous high character. The order of the school has always been good, when it has been visited by the Committee; the recitations have been carefully conducted, and good progress seems to have been made in all the studies. Reading and writing have received especial attention during the year, with gratifying results. This school is now the only Grammar School that has been continued under the same teacher for a succession of years, and its good condition shows the benefit of such a course.

The Centre Primary School has been under the care of Miss Elizabeth Orcutt. Whole number of scholars in summer, 40; average attendance, 26. Whole number in winter, 28.

This school has appeared to be in good order when visited. Some of the children have made good progress, and all seem to have been industriously taught, and to have advanced in learning. Yet there has been some deficiency of life and interest in the school, which, it is hoped, may be remedied.

The South Grammar School has been taught by Miss Priscilla Jenkins. Whole number of scholars in summer, 51; average attendance, 39. Whole number in winter, 52.

As Miss Jenkins took charge of this school without having had previous experience as a teacher, it required of her a good deal of energy and labor to secure proper discipline and to teach successfully. She seems to have succeeded in securing good discipline, and the school appeared to be doing well when last visited. There was a good degree of application to study, on the part of the children, manifest, the writ-

ing books showed care and improvement, and the classes in reading and spelling, that were heard, did well.

The South Primary School has been continued under the charge of Miss Mary L. Cushing. Whole number of scholars in summer, 41; average attendance, 29. Whole number in winter, 41.

This school has been in an admirable state of discipline and training. The school has been distinguished for the life and interest that have prevailed in it. The children have made good progress in learning to read and spell, besides having been taught many other things fitted to interest and improve them. Singing and gymnastic exercises have been introduced, which tend to break up the monotony of the school-room, and refresh the minds and bodies of the children.

The school-house that has been built in this district within the present school year, proves to be convenient, easy to warm, and well adapted to the purpose. Its rooms are large, airy and pleasant, and must make the work of teaching and of learning more agreeable, and be conducive to the health and comfort of both teachers and scholars.

The Beechwoods School was taught during its Summer Term by Miss Mary F. Perry. Whole number of scholars, 46; average attendance, 33.

This school was in a tolerably good state; the children appeared to be attached to their teacher, and some improvement was manifest, especially in writing. But the order of the school was not satisfactory, and less progress was made by the children than there ought to have been. There was a want of energy apparent in the school.

The Winter School has been under the charge of Mr. L. Webster Bates. Whole number of scholars, 56. This school has not been visited very lately, and no definite judgment can be pronounced upon it till after the closing examination, yet, when visited, it has appeared to be in an excellent condition. Indeed, your Committee have never felt better satisfied with its apparent condition than the present winter.

Miss Sarah L. Bates has acted as assistant, and has taken charge of the younger scholars. As the number of children under eight years of age was small, it was thought best that Miss Bates should instruct these, and also some of the least advanced scholars over eight. By this means they could receive more attention, and be assisted to make more rapid progress in learning; and, at the same time, the male teacher

would be able to give more attention and instruction to the older scholars, some of whom attend school only in the winter.

The plan seems to have worked well, and will, probably, be beneficial to both schools.

The whole number of scholars in the High School during its summer Term, was 82; average attendance, 55. Whole number during the Winter Term, 94.

The school was commenced under the charge of Mr. Bacon, but, induced by the offer of a higher salary, he resigned his position in the fifth week of the school term, and Mr. Robert F. Leighton was appointed in his place. The school was so satisfactory under Mr. Bacon, that it was feared it might lose by the change. But Mr. Leighton has been highly successful in the management of the school. He has maintained good order, with little apparent effort, and has commanded the respect, at the same time that he has gained the affections, of his pupils. Many of the scholars have been hard students, and, so far as the Committee have been able to judge, from their visits, the progress of the school has been satisfactory. The school never appeared to be in a more healthy and prosperous state. While the common branches of study have been faithfully attended to, the higher branches have been successfully pursued by the more advanced pupils, by which means they are enabled to fit themselves more thoroughly for a business life, or to become efficient and accomplished teachers in our common schools.

At the commencement of the year, Miss Sophronia P. Oakes was continued as assistant teacher in the High School. She proved herself to be an industrious, earnest, and efficient teacher, and her pupils became greatly attached to her, and made good progress under her instruction. But her health failing in the Fall Term, she was obliged to desist from teaching, and Miss Mary G. Ripley was appointed to take her place for the remainder of the term. Miss Ripley not desiring to teach longer, and Miss Oakes not having recovered her health sufficiently to warrant her resuming her position as teacher, Miss Mary R. Tower was appointed at the commencement of the Winter Term.

Miss Tower has proved herself to be an efficient teacher and disciplinarian. She has maintained good order in her department, is interested in her work, and energetic and successful as an instructor.

The benefit of the High School to the town has never been more apparent than the present year. A few years ago we

were obliged to procure a large proportion of our female teachers from out of town, and often to give them a larger compensation than we now give to our teachers, while their education and other qualifications for teaching were not, on an average, equal to those of teachers who have been educated in our High School. During the present year, of twelve female teachers who have been employed for longer or shorter terms, in our schools, only one has been from out of town, and her school has been the most unsatisfactory school in the town. There are now in the High School, a number of scholars who have been well trained, who are diligent students, and who, if they pursue their studies as faithfully as they have done, will become highly qualified teachers, and will be able, not only to fill vacancies that may occur, but also to raise the condition of our common schools.

Besides the general benefit of giving higher and more thorough instruction to our children in town, two important advantages result from our High School, and from our being able to educate our own teachers. First, honorable and remunerative employment is furnished to our young women at home, and the burthen of sustaining the schools is somewhat lightened by the money being expended among ourselves: secondly, as the expenses of board to teachers residing at home are less, they can afford to teach for a less compensation than teachers from abroad. If we were obliged to rely on female teachers from abroad, the town would have to raise a number of hundred dollars more by tax for the support of schools than it now raises, in order to keep our schools for the same time, and in as good condition as at present.

According to the last Report of the Board of Education, the average wages per month paid to female teachers, in Cohasset, was $13,68; while in Medfield, the next lowest town in the County of Norfolk, it was $18,07: the average for Norfolk County was $23,66, and for the whole State, $19,63; thus showing, that we pay our female teachers $4,39 per month less than any other town in Norfolk County; $9,98 less than the average paid in Norfolk County, and $5,95 less than the average wages of female teachers for the whole State.

When it is considered how long a time in the year our schools keep (40 weeks, while the average for the State last year was less than 31 weeks), how well furnished they are with competent teachers, what advantages result from their being graded, from our being able often to continue the same schools year after year under the same teachers, and from the more thorough and advanced instruction given in the High School, it may be questioned whether there is

another town in the whole State, where the same amount of money secures so great school advantages for the children as in this town.

The wages which we give our female teachers, when they can board at home and have employment forty weeks in the year as long as they are successful, are better for them than higher wages would be, should they be obliged to teach away from home, or take schools for only short terms. But it is obvious, that we cannot hope to obtain good teachers from out of town for the wages we now pay, and we must, therefore, if we would have as much, as good, and as economical schooling for our children as at present, educate our own teachers.

When the smallpox and varioloid began to prevail in the town this winter, it was questioned whether the schools should not be closed in the districts where it prevailed. But as those infected, or who had been exposed to the contagion, were not restrained from going abroad, it was thought that children in the schools would be no more exposed to the disease, than if they were wandering about the streets. But children from infected localities were temporarily excluded from the schools. Other children, also, have probably been kept away from school through fear of the disease. The teachers were instructed to admit no children to the schools who had not been vaccinated. Your Committee will continue to comply with the law which forbids them to admit any child to the public schools who has not been vaccinated, and they will instruct the teachers to act in conformity with it at the commencement of the next school year.

When parents consider how important it is to protect their children from a loathsome and often fatal disease, to which they are in danger of being exposed any day; and when they also consider that they are liable, by a law of the State, to a fine of five dollars for every year they permit a child to remain unvaccinated after the child is two years of age, they surely will not neglect to attend to this duty.

There are frequently in the town, boys over whom their parents have no efficient control; who are habitually absent from school, either from not having been sent, or truants when sent. Neither their teachers, parents, nor the School Committee, have control over them. Such cases have been brought to the attention of the School Committee the present year. A law of the State empowers a town to choose an officer to take charge of such boys, see that they attend school regularly, or cause them to be sent to some place of punish-

ment, and reformation, if they persist in their habits of idleness, disobedience, and truancy. This would be a benefit to the boys, a relief to their parents, and would preserve other boys from being led astray by their bad example.

The expenses of the schools will be, for the present year, as nearly as can be estimated, as follows:—

Jerusalem District,	for	teaching,	$160 00		Fuel, &c.,	$26 00
North	"	"	"	260 00	"	"	32 25
Centre	"	"	"	260 00	"	"	43 78
South	"	"	"	260 00	"	"	42 68
Beechwoods	"	"	"	248 00	"	"	40 87
High School		"	"	760 00	"	"	87 00
Whole Amount for teaching,			$1,948 00		For Fuel, &c.,		$272 58

Adding these together, we have $2,220 58, as the whole amount that will be expended for schools the present year.

To meet this expense, we shall have

The Town's Appropriation, ...	$2,000 00
From the State Literary Fund, ...	86 52
From the Ripley Fund, ...	50 00
From Hull, for teaching children of that Town, . .	15 97
Balance of $100 00, appropriated by the Town to pay deficiencies in the Appropriation for last year, .	63 84
	$2,216 33

Subtracting this amount from the amount of money to be expended, viz., $2,220 58, leaves a deficiency, this year, of $4 25.

Your Committee recommend that the same general plan for regulating the schools and the same appropriations be adopted for next year, as for the present year, with the following modifications:

1st, That the Committee be authorized, should they deem it to be expedient, to place some of the lower classes in the North Grammar School under the charge of the Primary School teacher during the Winter Term, should the Primary School be no larger than it usually is during that term.

2d, That the salary of the Primary School teacher in the Beechwoods School be $10 per month instead of $8, she acting as an assistant to the Grammar School teacher.

According to the plan thus modified, there will be needed for teaching in the

Jerusalem District, One Female Teacher, at $16 per month,	$160 00
North District, Two Female Teachers, at $16 and $10 per month	260 00
Centre " " " " " " "	260 00
South " " " " " " "	260 00

Beechwoods Dist.	One Female Teacher 6 mo's, at $16 per month,	96 00
Do.	One Male Teacher 4 mo's, at $30 per month,	120 00
Do.	One Female Assistant 4 mo's, at $10 per month,	40 00
High School,	Principal,	600 00
" "	Female Assistant, at $16 per month,	160 00
	The whole Amount necessary for teaching, will be	$1,956 00

Estimating the cost of fuel, &c., the same as this year, $273 00, there will be needed for the schools next year, $2,229 00. To meet this expense, we may rely on

The Income of the Ripley Fund, ...	$50 00
The State Literary Fund, ...	86 00
Amounting in all to	$136 00

Deducting this from $2,229 00, leaves $2,093 00, to be raised by tax.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that $2,100 00 be raised by tax for the support of the schools the next year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
EDWARD TOWER, } *School Committee.*

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

For the Year ending Feb. 15th, 1861,

INCLUDING THE

REPORTS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

THE

TOWN TREASURER,

AND THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

WITH

THE TAX LIST FOR 1860.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Outstanding Bills not ordered in 1859.

Rufus Fish, Alms House Keeper,	$225 00	
George Bates, making fires, &c.	6 50	
Mary Priest, cleaning School-House,	2 00	
Isaac W. Beal, " "	3 85	
Whiton & Bartlett, oil,	2 87	
Charles Pratt, shovelling snow,	69	
J. J. A. Pratt, making fires,	6 00	
D. S. G. Doane, shovelling snow 1858–'59,	19 52	
		$266 43

School Committee, 1859 *and* 1860.

Edward Tower,	35 25	
Joseph Osgood,	43 00	
		78 25

Repairs on School-Houses.

Jerusalem District.

David Cushing, 2d, bill,	5 94	
Oren R. Beal,	4 50	
Stowers Beal,	5 00	
James Battles,	6 42	
James S. Beal,	7 13	
Zaccheus Beal,	3 50	
Levi N. Bates,	33	
Samuel Bates,	5 40	
		38 22

Centre District.

A. H. Litchfield's bill,	1 00	
Levi N. Bates,	95	
Samuel Bates,	8 95	
Willard Hayden,	5 75	
Louis N. Lincoln,	1 00	
		17 65

Beechwoods District.

John Pratt, 2d, bill,	2 00	
Charles H. Woods,	2 83	
Levi N. Bates,	35	
		5 18

High School.

Isaac Kent's bill,	75	
Edward Tower,	4 00	
Levi N. Bates,	2 22	
		6 97

South District.

Hiram Bruce's bill,	2 75	
Calvin Meriam,	42	
E. Tower,	2 39	
Samuel Bates,	6 25	
Levi N. Bates,	33	
		12 14

North District.

Daniel Tower's bill,	1 44	
Matthew Mulvey,	2 00	
		3 44

New School-House in Beechwoods.

Building Committee,	2,000 00	
Samuel Bates's bill,	32 19	
Silas Bates,	2 62	
James Beal, carting furniture from Boston,	9 00	
Ezra Brown,	2 68	
Tilden & Lincoln's bill,	3 50	
Recording Deed,	50	
		2,050 49

Fire Department.

Whiton & Bartlett's bill of oil,	2 03
A. W. Hayden, Steward,	20 00
G. A. Fish, watching,	2 00
J. W. Fish, "	2 00
Edward Mann, "	2 00
Wm. Studley, "	2 00
Thos. M. Smith, refreshments,	12 00
James Beal, horse-hire for Engine,	2 75
Thomas Beal, repairing Hose,	1 00
Calvin Meriam,	3 58
Levi N. Bates,	1 33
A. W. Hayden, cutting out windows,	3 74
Tilden & Lincoln, putting in window,	8 25

Levi N. Bates, fluid,	1 33	
Firemens' Order, abatement of poll tax,	54 00	
		118 01

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Haugh O. Larry's bill for watching and cleansing Schooner with smallpox,		15 00

DELINQUENT HIGHWAYS.

David Beal,	38 57	
John Parker,	4 53	
James Willcutt,	7 49	
Welcome Beal,	51 15	
Isaac Kent,	18 00	
Thomas Smith,	10 96	
Isaac L. Pratt,	7 73	
Timothy L. Burbank,	9 68	
Lewis Lincoln,	4 09	
Francis L. Bates,	11 63	
John Morse,	19 22	
		183 05

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

J. B. Bates, for gravel,	15 00	
Jeremy Towle, labor on bridge,	10 00	
Martin Beal, gravel,	10 40	
Aaron Nichols, labor,	6 34	
Thomas Smith, labor,	18 50	
Elias Bourne, gravel,	1 60	
Welcome Beal, shovelling snow,	6 83	
John Morse,	2 20	
A. H. Tower, gravel and freight,	5 50	
Aaron Pratt, gravel,	5 00	
		81 37

TOWN HOUSE.

Charles A. Morse, iron netting,	11 20	
N. M. Nichols, painting,	1 50	
Samuel Bates, register,	4 00	
Willard Hayden,	1 25	
Caleb Nichols, painting,	1 75	
		19 70

LIQUOR AGENT.

Order in favor of Charles Kent,		75 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

James C. Doane, blank books,	$6 87	
Edward Tower, school books,	18 40	
Levi N. Bates, " "	44 62	

Caleb Nichols, selling South School House	1 25	
Zenas Stoddard, postage,	1 31	
H. A. Davis, adjusting weights, &c.	7 75	
Beals's Express,	5 18	
Solomon L. Damon, Constable,	16 00	
Hiram Bruce, Constable,	6 00	
Blossom & Easterbrook, printing,	1 25	
Bates & Tower, "	15 50	
Levi N. Bates, stationery,	3 50	
A. H. Tower, Jr., blank books, &c.	5 12	
James Beal, posting warrants,	2 50	
Carriage-hire, Selectmen and Treasurer,	4 25	
		139 50

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

High School,	$847 00	
Jerusalem District,	186 00	
North "	292 25	
Centre "	303 78	
South "	302 68	
Beechwoods "	296 87	
See School Report, 1859.		$2,228 58

TOWN OFFICERS.

Jas. C. Doane, Selectman, Assessor and extra services,	100 00	
Isaac Hall, Selectman,	20 00	
Silas Bates, do.	25 00	
James C. Doane, Assessor, taking State Valuation, and allowed before Committee on Valuation,	75 00	
Jona. B. Bates, do. do.	116 00	
Silas Bates, do. do.	106 00	
Town Treasurer,	87 50	
Town Clerk,	36 70	
		566 20

Abatements by Assessors.

Ephraim Battles, 1859 and 1860	$3 44	John Manuel	1 13
Martin A. Humphrey	1 74	Samuel Stockbridge	4 35
Est. Martin Humphrey	2 54	Paul B. Warrick	2 78
James A. Wilkins	20 00	Henry Doane, Jr.	1 99
Caleb Lothrop	87	James Phinney	1 50
Hannah Stoddard	1 51	John W. Bates	7 83
James M. Stoddard	26	Warren E. Ray	4 35
		Matthew Mulvey	1 95

Estate Joel Willcutt	3 08	Gardner M. Jones	1 50
Albert Barnes	7 01	John Tower	2 62
Patrick Mulvey	3 73	Frederic Torrey	6 51
Joseph Munies	2 81		
A. W. Smith	1 67		$86 67
Oscar F. Francis	1 50		

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding bills, not ordered in 1859,	$266 43
School Committee for 1859–60,	78 25
Repairs on School Houses.	
Jerusalem District,	38 22
North "	3 44
Centre "	17 65
South "	12 14
Beechwoods "	5 18
High School,	6 97
New School House in Beechwoods,	2,050 49
Fire Department,	118 01
Health "	15 00
Delinquent Highways,	183 05
Repairs on Highways,	81 37
Repairs on Town House,	19 70
Liquor Agent,	75 00
Miscellaneous,	139 50
Support of Schools,	2,228 58
Town Officers,	566 20
Abatements,	86 67
	$5,991 85

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Town Debts.

Charles Pratt, 1 note due March 15, 1861,	$1,000
Lewis Willcut, 3 notes due March 15, 1862,	300
Charles Nichols, 1 note due April 1, 1862,	500
Cohasset M. F. Ins. Co., 2 notes due April 24, 1862,	200
Henry Doane, Jr., 4 notes due April 1, 1863,	800
Lewis Willcut, 2 notes due April 1, 1863,	200
Hingham Savings Bank, 4 notes, due April 24, 1864, '65, '66, '67,	3,500
Cohasset Savings Bank, 8 notes, due April 1, 1868, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75,	8,000
Daniel T. Lothrop, 1 note due April 24, 1862,	500

Levi Pratt, 1 note on demand,	350	
Warren Bates, 1 note on demand,	150	
Jonathan B. Bates, 1 note on demand,	1,000	
		16,500 00
Alms House Keeper's Salary to April 1, 1861,		112 50
William O. Haskell, School Furniture for Beechwoods School House, due April 24, 1861,		171 70
		$16,784 20

Amount of Assets.

Balance in Treasurer's hands, as per his account, Feb. 15, 1861,	$1,136 41	
Amount due from Town of Hull, (per overseer's account),	187 99	paid
Amount due from town of Scituate, (per overseer's account),	265 49	paid
Hay used at Pound, 1859,	20 00	
John Wilson, Jr., labor, 1859,	2 00	paid
M. Knight, timber, 1859,	1 00	paid
Warren Bates, 2d, wood and lard, 1860,	30 06	paid
Dawes S. Nott, " "	3 25	
William W. Studley, " "	3 25	paid
Henry Nichols, Balance Account,	94	
Henry J. Turner's note, Nov. 26, 1859,	318 32	
		$1,968 71
Town debt,		14,815 49

JAS. C. DOANE,
ISAAC HALL,
SILAS BATES,
} *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

M. B. Stetson & Co., grain and groceries,	$258 91
C. Merriam, groceries,	60 97
J. O. Lawrence, groceries,	48 08
D. Tower, dry goods and groceries,	17 64
C. F. Nichols, groceries,	49 06
L. N. Bates, groceries,	2 91
Z. L. Beal, clothing,	21 23
H. Pratt, groceries,	13 94
Bourne, Nickerson & Co., meat,	90 63
J. Cushing, meat,	2 47

C. H. Willard, coal, 85 ; J. Bullard, tin ware, 4 38,	5 23
E. Snow, mackerel,	6 32
J. Taylor, clams and potatoes,	3 70
C. Nichols, wood, standing,	35 75
R. C. Weston, oxen,	115 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., fish, 4 50 ; S. Bates, st. funnel, 9 31,	13 81
J. Oakes, apples,	7 37
J. Pratt, 2d, whitewashing,	4 00
R. Fish, cash paid, 2 83 ; L. L. Warrick, churn, 1 16,	3 99
J. W. Fish, clams and fish,	7 99
J. Burbank, making cider,	2 33
C. H. Lathrop, herring,	1 50
C. A. Studly, hay, labor, fish,	8 97
J. J. Lathrop, sea-weed,	87
T. Bates, pasturing, 7 25 ; Dr. Foster, 5 50,	12 75
C. I. Pratt, coffins and express,	17 00
J. Towle, attending funerals,	17 00
A. H. Tower, oxen and wagon,	50
Estate of C. Barnes, pasture,	7 00
A. Tilden, smith work,	12 51
James Willcutt, pasture and timber,	6 50
F. J. Damon, smith work,	5 55
N. Tower, privilege of carting sea-weed,	4 00
C. Nichols, swine,	6 00
H. Nichols, cobbling,	13 00
W. Hamet, fish,	1 00
Blossom and Estabrook, advertising,	1 00
C. Young, advertising proposals,	1 00
Nourse & Co., grass-seed, 1859,	3 65
E. Barns, pasturing, 1855, '56, '59,	16 50
F. J. Damon, smith work, 1859.	3 70
L. L. Warrick, posts, 1859,	1 20
Z. L. Beal, clothing, 1859,	12 50
Keeper's salary,	225 00
Rent of farm,	200 00
Amount of stock on hand, Feb. 4, 1860,	1128 50
	$2478 53

Stock on hand February 4th, 1861.

15 tons English hay,	$300 00
5 bushels corn, $5 ; harrow, $8,	13 00
1 drag, 5 00 ; 1 wheelbarrow, 4 00,	9 00
Ploughs, 15 00 ; rakes, hoes, crowbars, 5 00,	20 00
3 cows, 100 00 ; 1 heifer, 20 00,	120 00
1 cart, 38 00 ; 4 chains, 4 00,	42 00
Wood-saws, and horse,	1 75
18 cords hard wood,	90 00

1 trough, 3 00 ; cedar posts, 5 00,	8 00
Flour, 8 50 ; meal, 5 00,	13 50
Baskets, 1 75 ; crockery and tin, 15 00,	16 75
Augur and steel-yards,	1 50
Rigging, 1 00 ; 50 lbs. lard, 7 00,	8 00
27 lbs. soap, 2 24 ; 75 lbs. fish, 3 50,	5 74
Grindstone, 3 00 ; cattle ties, 2 00,	5 00
Forks and shovels, 5 00 ; sled, 10 00,	15 00
Yokes and ladders, 6 50 ; 2 swine, 27 00,	33 50
Yoke of oxen, 125 00 ; 1 ox wagon, 55 00,	180 00
2 cords of wood, 12 00 ; scalding tub, 50,	12 50
Picks, hoes, wedges and axes,	9 00
9 cords pine wood, 31 50 ; 20 hens, 10 00,	41 50
4 meal bags, 1 00 ; 1 1-2 bushel beans, 2 62,	3 62
Salt, 1 00 ; cider and casks, 7 50,	8 50
Washing-machine, measures and churn,	4 75
8 galls. molasses, 3 20 ; sugar, 4 69,	7 89
10 lbs. butter, 5 00 ; tea, 7 36,	12 36
Groceries, 1 00 ; candles, 6 00,	7 00
2 1-2 barrels dried apples,	20 00
15 lbs. raisins, 1 35 ; tallow and rice, 50,	1 85
23 lbs. fish, 1 65 ; 600 lbs. pork, 66 00,	67 65
700 lbs. beef, 56 00 ; 50 bushels roots, 22 00,	76 00
2 1-2 bbls. apples, 3 75 ; 1 1-2 bbls. soap, 6 00,	9 75
30 empty barrels, 6 00 ; 7 bushels barley, 7 00,	13 00
Yarn and cloth, 2 00 ; snuff and crackers, 2 25,	4 25
5 stoves and funnel,	20 00
Scythes and snathes,	2 50
Am't of stock on hand,	$1,204 86

Amounts sold from Alms-House.

Bourne, Nickerson & Co., calf,	5 20	
" " " 3 hides,	10 24	
" " " ox, 1114 lbs. a 6¾ c.	75 19	
H. Nichols, hay and pork,	13 94	
J. O. Lawrence, eggs,	6 19	
F. J. Damon, lumber,	2 33	
W. Bates, 2d, wood and lard,	30 06	
C. Nichols,	1 00	
N. Tower, flour barrels,	2 60	
J. Willcutt, teaming,	3 50	
Dawse Nott, 1-2 cord wood,	3 25	
W. W. Studley, 1-2 cord wood,	3 25	
T. M. Smith,	12 09	
Amount of receipts,		168 84
Amount of receipts and stock on hand,		$1,373 70

Amount of expenses brought forward,		2,478 53	
Ded. am't of receipts and stock on hand,		1,373 70	
			1,104 83
Town of Scituate, 161 weeks' board at $1 64$\frac{60}{670}$,		265 49	
" Hull, 114 do., at same,		187 99	
" Cohasset, 395 do., at same,		651 35	
			1,104 83
Cohasset, 395 weeks at 1 64$\frac{60}{670}$.		651 35	
Deduct rent of farm,		200 00	
		451 35	
Overseer's services,	50 00		
J. Beal, carriage hire,	12 25		
W. Bates, " "	6 00		
H. Pratt, " "	2 50		
		70 75	
		522 10	

Actual cost of each pauper per week, $1 31$\frac{53}{75}$.

Repairs on Alms-House.

I. Kent, carpenter,	3 00	
L. Oakes, hanging paper,	1 50	
Henry Collier, lumber,	2 25	
		6 75

Expenditures out of House.

Dr. Foster, attendance on J. Munies,	35 00
J. Munies, supplies,	70 69
Wm. Hayden "	26 99
Dr. Foster, attendance on Mrs. Hayden,	5 00
" " J. Mann,	2 00
Mrs. N. D. Pratt, board,	146 30
Silas Bates, moving Mrs. N. D. Pratt,	75
C. Sloan, attendance on Mrs. Everett,	6 00
C. Kent, liquors for Mrs. N. D. Pratt,	6 70
Mrs. Lambert,	27 60
Town of Dorchester, board of J. Wheelwright,	2 00
Dr. Dearing's bill, attendance of Mrs. Sarah Everett,	7 00
C. H. Willard, coal for " "	7 00
	$343 03

The Barn at the Alms House being in a very poor condition, your Overseers would recommend the building of a new one.

WARREN BATES, 2d,
JOB PRATT,
HOWARD PRATT. } *Overseers of the Poor.*

DOG ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To paid Lewis Bates for damage to sheep,	$16 00	
" Ezekiel Bates, " "	12 00	
" M. B. Stetson, " "	50 00	
" Thomas Smith, " "	65 00	
" S. L. Damon, for killing dogs, &c.,	4 00	
" Hiram Bruce, " "	5 50	
To balance carried forward to new account,	4 70	
		157 20

Cr.

By balance from 1859 account,	47 00	
Cash of town clerk for dog licenses,	70 20	
" received for fines on prosecution,	40 00	
		157 20

LIQUOR AGENT'S ACCOUNT.

Town of Cohasset in account with Charles Kent.

Dr.

To cash paid for Liquors to date, and express charges thereon,	$228 87	
Salary one year,	25 00	
Amount to balance,	71 94	
		325 81

Cr.

By amount of stock from former agent,	12 00	
Cash of town treasurer,	75 00	
Sales of liquors to date,	210 81	
Amount stock on hand,	28 00	
		325 81

Feb. 1, 1861.

Dr. *Town of Cohasset in Account with* A. H. Tower, Jr., *Treasurer.* **Cr.**

1860-61.	To cash paid Charles Pratt—note due Mar. 11, 1860,	$1,000 00
	Paid interest on notes and hired money, to Oct. 24, 1860,	984 75
	Paid County Tax, 1860,	1,329 44
	" State " "	327 50
	" Abatement of Taxes,	86 67
	" Discount on "	395 38
	" Selectmen's orders drawn previous to March 1, 1860,	930 09
	" Selectmen's orders drawn since Mar. 1, 1860,	7,553 12
	Balance in Treasury,	1,136 41
		$13,743 36

1860-61.	By balance from former Treasurer,	$2,228 66
	Cash of Town of Scituate for support of Poor, 1859,	326 33
	" of Town of Hull for support of Poor, 1859, balance,	76 67
	" of same for schooling Children, 1859,	15 97
	" from sale of Old South School H.	109 00
	" from Strait's Pond Flats, grass,	108 10
	" of Thos. Smith, for balance of account, 1857-58,	11 15
	" of Thos. Bates, due Alms H., 1858,	10 30
	" of Rufus Nash, " " 1859,	21 50
	" of Matthew Mulvey, " "	6 50
	" of Sam'l Nichols, " "	8 00
	" of T. M. Smith, " 1860,	12 09
	" of Bourne & Nickerson, " "	90 63
	" of N. Bates, Jr., Town Clerk, for Dog Licenses,	70 20
	" of James Humphrey, Esq., for dog fines,	40 00
	" of State Treas., am't School Fund,	87 53
	" of Cohas. Sav. Bk., int. Ripley "	50 00
	" of Silas Bates, for articles sold from old School House (Beechwood),	6 87
	" of Jas. Beal, income T. Hall, 1860,	26 00
	" of Aaron Pratt, Auct. License,	2 00
	" of Jon. B. Bates, hired on note,	1,000 00
	Amount of Tax Bills, 1860,	9,435 86
		$13,743 36

Cohasset, Feb. 15, 1861.

A. H. TOWER, Jr., Treasurer.

STATE, TOWN AND COUNTY TAX,

FOR 1860.

A.	
Andrew J. Arnold	$5 85
Daniel Arnold	7 11
B. F. Alexander	3 46
Anthony Anderson	4 11
Manuel Antone	3 35

B.	
Jonathan B. Bates	77 91
Newcomb Bates	78 01
Zealous Bates	8 04
Martin N. Bates	12 68
William Bates	44 16
Daniel Bates	12 26
Loring Bates	15 33
Rufus Bates, Jr.	8 59
Rufus Bates	30 07
Lewis Bates	12 62
Warren Bates	14 20
Lot Bates	22 82
Silas Bates	18 34
Gorham Bates	15 87
George Bates	12 16
Francis L. Bates	32 76
Fanny Bates	28 21
John Bates	192 75
Samuel Brown	17 68
Adna Bates	9 55
Widow Martha Bates	4 08
Levi N. Bates	38 61
Thomas Bates	46 18
Widow Sarah Bates	14 53
Warren Bates, Jr.	22 59
John W. Bates	66 22
Henry Bates	8 91
Ezekiel Bates	13 60
A. J. Bates	4 11
Widow Ruth Bailey	18 39
Martin K. Bailey	10 40
John Barnes	6 66
Albert Barnes	7 01
George Beale, Jr.	18 46
Seth Beale	11 93
William Beal	5 26
Caleb Beal	18 43
Estate Seth Beal	1 41
George Beal	13 68
David Beal	39 83
Solomon Beal	9 77
Caleb Beal, Jr.	11 16
Zacheus Beal	29 16
Orin R. Beal	8 03
Stowers Beal	11 00
Thomas Beal	14 38
Welcome Beal	14 07
Estate David Beal, 2d	5 45
John Burbank, Jr.	26 66
Charles Burbank	27 30
John Burbank	76 37
Timothy L. Burbank	5 85
Leavitt Burbank	28 44
Marshal Bourne	4 18
Hannah Barnes	14 36
Thomas J. Brown	16 02
Timothy W. Brown	10 62
Estate Betsey Briggs	2 61
Benjamin Barnes	10 90
Richard Bourne	14 67
Charles Barnes	3 09
Eliza Bourne	3 09
Charles P. Bourne	15 52
Abiah Baker	19 95
Thomas Bates, 2d	10 42
Elias Bourne	4 68
Michael Brennock	7 25
Lot W. Bates	9 59

Ezra Brown	4 55
Samuel Bates	3 24
Joseph Briggs	1 50
Phineas G. Brown	1 50
Hiram Bruce	3 36
Hiram W. Bruce	1 50
Nathan Beal	1 50
Christopher Beal	1 50
Henry W. Beal	1 50
James Beal	9 94
Maria L. Bates	16 92
Robert T. Burbank	4 55
Otis V. Barnes	4 37
James Bullard	1 93
Joseph Battels	3 68
Bates & Litchfield	2 96
Newcomb Bates, Jr.	1 50
John Burnham	23 88
Myra Bennet	7 23
Lorenzo Bates	6 14
Isaac W. Beal	1 50
Andrew Bates	6 20
Abner Bates	1 76
Ephraim Battles	3 24
Thomas A. Bates	1 50
Daniel J. Bates	1 50
Albert Burdick	1 50
Philander Bates	1 50
Geo. W. Bates	1 50
Samuel Bates, Jr.	1 50
Edwin Bates	1 50
Henry S. Bates	1 50
James L. Beal	1 50
Franklin Brown	1 50
Orin A. Beal	1 50
Henry Bates, Jr.	1 50
William Burdick	1 50
Joseph Bates	1 50
James Battels	1 50
Elias Bourne, 2d	5 85
James Bates	5 85
Frederic Bates	1 50
James Breene	1 50

C.

Elizabeth Cummins	3 48
Job Cushing	31 78
Estate James Collier	25 11
William V. Creed	9 67
James Creed	5 82
John N. Cook	14 73
Clark Cutting	31 18
Henry Collier	27 12
Christopher Collier	12 38
Adam Cushing	26 74
James Collier	66 75
David C. Chamberlin	10 58
Charles Cole	7 59
Levi C. Creed	1 50
George W. Cousins	1 50
Willard Couillard	1 50
Ephraim Couillard	4 53
John N. Cook, Jr.	1 50
John Cronnegan	2 20
Moses G. Chaddock	2 81
Augustus Cousins	5 96
John Coyne	2 81

D.

James C. Doane	40 91
Widow Hannah Delano	12 10
Horace J. Damon	6 72
Frank J. Damon	2 50
Henry Doane	21 98
Solomon L. Damon	3 12
David S. G. Doane	2 28
John H. Dinsmore	3 15
Joshua K. Davis	3 05
Marcus M. Damon	1 50

E.

Joseph Ennice	6 81
Frank Enos	5 42
John Enos	5 85
William Endicott	18 90
Joseph Edwards	1 50

F.

Trustee Flint Estate	19 95
Lafayette Farrar	11 47
John Francis	5 85
Fordyce Foster	24 78
Rufus Fish	7 84
Estate Thomas Farrar	3 36
Estate Louisa Fox	6 96
Daniel Freeman	21 75
George E. Fisher	6 19
Thomas R. Farrar	1 50
Joseph W. Fish	1 50
Philip Fox	1 50
Peter E. Falcon	2 78
John Fenno	1 50
John Fenno, Jr.	1 50
Oscar F. Francis	1 50
John A. Farrah	1 50

G.

E. B. Gilbert	11 53
Estate Charles Grant	15 70
Simeon P. Gove	15 77
Squire S. Gove	16 07
Melzar G. Groce	12 99
Samuel G. Gross	5 42
Cyrus W. Gammon	1 87
Charles A. Groce	1 50
Melzar Groce, Jr.	1 50

H.

Estate Adam Hardwick	31
Estate George Hall	14 79
Abraham Hall	44 13
Samuel Hall	14 99
Henry K. Hall	25 54
Daniel Hudson	9 77
Thomas Hudson	21 93
Estate Martin Humphrey	7 61
Horace Hancock	14 71
John Howard	10 20
Alexander W. Hayden	8 81
James W. Hayden	5 35
John Hunt	17 16
Daniel Hudson, Jr.	9 90
James Hall	8 46
Isaac Hall	22 60
John Holland	1 60
Daniel Hill, Jr.	2 25
Ambrose Hayden	1 87
John L. Hall	1 50
Martin A. Humphrey	3 24
William F. Harris	2 28
Austin Harding	1 85
Samuel Hardwick	1 85
Frederick Hazelburg	1 50
James Homer	2 17
Henry W. H. Harris	1 50
Mary Hogan	11 23
Lemuel Harlow	12 81
Harrison Hersey	2 50

J.

Widow Ruth James	1 32
Joseph Jacent	10 32
Eleazar James	50 64
John R. James	15 86
Samuel G. James	4 83
Widow Priscilla James	4 19
Galen James	6 92
Heirs Joseph James	6 31
Luther Jenkins	15 19
Samuel L. Jenkins	31 43
Widow Eleanor Joy	14 46
William B. Johnson	49 98
Bela Joy	54 48
Gardiner M. Jones	1 50
Samuel B. Jenkins	1 50

K.

Estate Abel Kent	9 35
Charles Kent	14 20
Isaac Kent	12 94
Peter C. Kimball	21 29
John G. Koop	5 42
Edward Kinsley	5 03
Estate William Kilburn	15 51
Widow Alice Kilburn	19 30
Charles H. Kilburn	1 87
Cyrus R. Keen	1 50
Abel Kent	1 50
Joseph Knox	2 02
Dawes S. Knott	1 50

L.

Estate Geo. A. Lawrence	23 00
H. O. Larry	8 90
Josiah O. Lawrence	48 69
Martin Lincoln	57 34
William Lincoln	37 20
William Lincoln, Jr.	21 60
Isaac Lincoln	33 88
Maria Lincoln	1 89
Mordecai Lincoln	19 98
Estate Caleb Lincoln	20 19
Joseph Lincoln	8 03
Thomas Lincoln	30 85
John J. Lincoln	14 50
John M. Lincoln	27 18
Mary Lincoln	9 52
Widow Sarah Lincoln	14 00
Moses Lincoln	17 96
Ephraim Lincoln	22 99
Rachel Lincoln	8 73
Lewis Lincoln	18 86
Widow Betsey Lincoln	1 11
Elisha Lincoln	12 57
Mary and Priscilla Lincoln	98
Estate Ezekiel Lincoln	4 05
Cornelius Lincoln	29 86
Francis L. Litchfield	15 32
Charles H. Litchfield	7 55
Alexander S Litchfield	11 94
Charles Litchfield	8 16
Foster Litchfield	7 71

Daniel T. Lothrop	75 90
Daniel T. Lothrop, trustee	15 42
Isaac H. Lambert	4 55
John J. Lothrop	37 67
Caleb Lothrop	73 27
Widow Mary Luce	3 84
A. Bradford Litchfield	2 15
Josiah Lincoln	7 59
Antone Lawrence	5 85
Mary and Anne Lincoln	2 71
Annette & Jennette Lincoln	5 00
John Q. A. Lothrop	3 12
George W. Lawrence	1 50
Henry Litchfield	1 87
Louis N. Lincoln	1 50
Daniel B. Lincoln	1 50
Daniel W. Lincoln	1 50
Daniel Lincoln	1 50
David B. Lincoln	1 50
Ephraim Lincoln, Jr.	1 50
Joseph W. Litchfield	1 50
Levi Lincoln	9 53
Caleb Lincoln	1 50
Granville Lothrop	3 58
Moses Lincoln, Jr.	1 50
Penelope Litchfield	44
M. Jerome Lincoln	1 50
Richard W. Lothrop	1 50
William W. Litchfield	1 50
George A. Litchfield	1 50
Est. Thaddeus Lawrence	10 44

M.

Matthew Mulvey	8 54
Patrick Mulvey	3 73
Estate Ephraim Marble	4 35
Abner J. Marble	23 47
William Mayo	10 72
John Morse	24 29
Andrew Morse	7 33
John H. Morgan	8 76
Joseph Munnice	2 81
John L. Manuel	9 50
James H. Morris	3 68
Henry Morris	1 50
Thomas Morey	1 50
Calvin Merriam	13 85
Philip Minot	1 59
John Mulvey	7 44
John Manuel	1 50

N.

Levi Nichols	17 98
Est. Joseph Nichols, 2d	3 26
Warren Nichols	23 48
Estate Joseph Nichols	5 61
Estate Nathaniel Nichols	14 69
Aaron Nichols	23 76
Allen Nichols	25 95
Joel Nichols	23 36
Elias Nichols	29 42
James W. Nichols	4 52
David Nichols	41 16
Geo. L. Nickerson	17 50
Samuel Nichols	13 61
Cushing Nichols	9 42
Caleb Nichols	55 88
Caleb F. Nichols	21 27
Henry Nichols	9 41
Bourne & Nickerson	3 26
Caleb J. Nichols	9 50
Martin N. Nichols	1 50
Geo. W. Nickerson	1 50
Levi L. Nichols	4 11

O.

Joseph Osgood	17 16
Levi Oakes	59 81
Joseph Oakes	42 44
Warren Orcutt	9 33
Est. Widow Ruth Oakes	17 37
Edwin F. Omstead	1 50

P.

William Parker	189 38
John P. F. Percival	59 96
Charles Pratt	61 05
John Parker	36 90
Isaac Phinney	4 28
Alexander T. Prouty	9 98
Joseph Paul	5 85
Galen Pool	11 94
Estate Henry Pratt	38 29
Estate Paul Pratt	46 47
Ezekiel Pratt	55 77
James Pratt	53 05
Levi Pratt	24 54
Minot Pratt	25 08
John Pratt	16 14
John Pratt, 2d	22 39
George Pratt	9 01
Isaac S. Pratt	23 02
Widow Zoa Pratt	20 25
Aaron Pratt	22 65
Estate Nicholas Pratt	8 64
Howard Pratt	38 59
William Pratt	14 38
Francis L. Pratt	8 46

Benjamin Pratt	32 58
Job Pratt	38 06
Widow Mercy Pratt	1 20
Moses Pratt	9 33
Isaac Pratt	8 90
Thomas J. Pratt	5 90
James Phinney	8 46
Elijah Pratt	10 68
John L. Pratt	1 50
Henry F. Pratt	1 50
Daniel W. Pratt	9 00
Aaron Pratt, 2d	2 60
Southward Pratt	2 71
Alonzo L. Parmer	2 32
Lydia Pratt	3 92
J. Q. A. Peaks	1 50
James Pettis	1 50
Henry Powers	1 50
Marshall Pratt	17 96
F. A. Pelby	1 50
Sylvanus Percival	1 50

R.

Zacheus Rich	18 50
Joseph W. Richardson	19 52
Fredrick A. Reed	10 60
Robert H. Reed	5 67
Warren E. Ray	5 85
Edward S. Richardson	1 50
Cyrus W. Robbins	1 50
George M. Reed	8 54
Alson S. Richardson	1 50
Joseph Root	8 58
Estate of George Ripley	101 96
Charles Rich	9 87
Martin Ripley	7 59

S.

James Stoddard	27 75
William H. Stoddard	15 86
Hannah Stoddard	11 10
Est. Thomas Stoddard	7 84
Zenas Stoddard	16 21
Bela Stoddard	13 68
James M. Stoddard	3 50
Ephraim Snow	50 39
Estate Dawes Studley	9 92
Henry L. Studley	10 90
Charles A. Studley	6 67
David S. Sutton	25 08
Edmund Q. Sewall	24 90
Estate Henry Snow	15 44
Henry Snow	20 23
Myra L. Souther	3 05
Warren Simpson	11 47
Samuel Stockbridge	22 73
Manuel Silva	11 94
Laban Souther	88 50
Manuel Silva, 2d	7 76
Joseph H. Smith	131 07
William D. Sohier	409 94
Thomas Smith	71 22
Thomas M. Smith	15 77
John Souther	21 57
Morgan B. Stetson	43 65
William F. Stewart	9 59
A. W. Smith	1 67
Abigail Stephenson	87
Eugene Sweeney	5 90
Edwin Souther	1 50
Andrew J. Souther	3 68
Daniel Sullivan	1 50
George S. Smith	87
William Studley	1 50
Elisha Stetson	12 38
Harrison P. Snow	1 50
M. P. Sanborn	1 50
Antone Silvia	1 81
Solon Studley	1 50
Thomas Sheridan	1 50

T.

Estate Nicholas Tower, 2d	7 09
Estate David Tower	3 13
Thomas N. Tower	21 34
Daniel Tower	19 77
Edward Tower	15 20
Abraham H. Tower	262 46
Jesse Tower	4 89
Nichols Tower	115 29
Jesse Tower, Jr.	4 65
Maria D. Tower	8 92
Jeremy Towle	13 69
Ezra Towle, 2d	9 33
Ezra Towle	11 15
William Taylor	2 37
Estate Henry J. Turner	13 06
Amos Tilden	9 59
Wm. A. W. Tilden	15 42
William F. Thayer	15 86
Charles F. Tilden	9 33
Abraham H. Tower, Jr.	14 55
James L. Tower	1 50
John Tower	2 62
Thomas Tower	1 50
Levi C. Tower	1 50
Eustis W. Tilden	1 50
John Thompson	2 81

Aquila R. Treat	1 50
Nathaniel Treat	1 50
John A. Treat	1 50
Frederick Torry	6 51
Nicholas Tower, Jr.	1 50
Charles Tysar	1 72
Aquila R. Treat, Jr.	1 50
Jeremy Towle, Jr.	1 50
Burleigh S. Thompson	1 50
Robert Thompson	1 50

V.

William Veal	7 59
William Veal, Jr.	2 96
David Vinal	3 24
Lot S. Vinal	23 89

W.

Estate Ezekiel Wallis	18 12
Alfred Whitington	49 77
Gershom Wheelwright	15 16
Joseph P. Wheelwright	7 31
Lewis Wheelwright	14 23
Richard Wells	8 46
William P. Whittier	6 29
Thomas Williams	6 16
David W. Whitcomb	26 79
Thomas Whitcomb	18 19
Thomas C. Whitcomb	4 11
Estate John Williams	11 31
John Wilson	8 68
John Wilson, Jr.	24 40
James A. Wilkins	21 52
Widow Myra Willcutt	41 33
Estate Joel Willcutt	22 02
Warren Willcutt	16 99
Lewis Willcutt	29 28
Lot Willcutt	13 22
John Willcutt	5 85
Thomas Willcutt	18 95
Thomas Willcutt, Jr.	14 45
James Willcutt	21 67
Widow Mary C. Wood	1 12
Charles H. Wood	10 91
Levi L. Warrick	50 35
Levi L. Warrick, Jr.	11 02
Paul B. Warrick	63 75
Charles H. Willard	21 51
James Wilson	12 72
John A. Wilson	1 50
Moses V. Wallis	5 59
Elbridge Willcutt	8 22
Prudence Ward	24 66
Daniel L. Wood	1 50
Hosea U. Wood	1 50
Alfred F. Wood	1 50
William O. Wood	1 50
Joseph Willcutt	1 50
Lewis Willcutt, 2d	1 87
George W. Wilson	1 50
George Woodman	1 50

NON-RESIDENT

STATE, TOWN AND COUNTY TAX,

FOR 1860.

Frank Allen	44
Henry Bryant	53 90
Robert T. Barnes	3 96
H. W. Blanchard	92
Edward Blanchard	65 88
Heirs Lincoln Barnes	48
Henry Barnes	1 33
Edwin Barnes	6 00
Isaac Barnes	2 83
Estate Roland Bailey	48
Estate Howard Bailey	1 71
Elijah Beal	1 96
Estate Martin Bates	71 67
Waterman Bailey	2 36
John Beal	9 30
Thomas Burr	1 31
Samuel Burr	1 31
Joanna Burr	4 74
Matthew Burr	78
Seth L. Burr	4 02
Estate John Burr	1 47
Elisha Burr	2 61
Lincoln Burr	2 61
John Baker & Son	87
James Baker	15 07
Sylvanus Brown	6 79
Thomas H. Beal	46
Estate Rachael Bates	2 61
Job F. Bailey	87
Daniel Beal	5 28
James Bates	4 30
William Brown	5 22
Josiah Baker	8 61
Washington Brown	13 70
William Brown	14 00
Alfred Cummings	12 18
William C. Codman	28 54
Peter H. Cushing	17
Levi Corthell	1 39
Charles Cunningham	25 45
Frank Clapp	23 53
John Codman	19 22
M. C. Dizer & Co.	2 79
H. M. Edmunds	46
Albert Fearing	4 18
A. A. Frazar	7 40
Charles Fearing	1 70
C. S. & B. T. Frost	2 79
Daniel B. Francis	1 31
Jacob Groce	1 31
Estate Calvin Gardiner	2 61
Freeman Gannett	1 28
Lorenzo Gilson	1 74
Timothy Gordon	23 82
Henry Hearsey	8 14
Waters Howard	1 04
James P. Hobart	87
Charles Homer	8 16
Nathan Holbrook	46
B. F. Hutchinson	8 70
Widow Mary C. Higgins	87
Charles Howard	1 36
David F. Jacob	1 71
Joshua Jacob	9
Andrew J. Johnson	8 27
Peter H. Jacob	96
Benjamin Jones	2 26
Moses Jones	1 31

Nancy Kilborn	5 03
Edward King	46
B. B. Leach	7 68
Jared Lincoln	3 93
Lydia Lincoln	1 78
Estate Solomon Lincoln	3 04
Estate Asa Lincoln	2 27
Solomon Lincoln	1 72
Gorham Lincoln	4 31
Estate Jedediah Lincoln	1 55
Cornelius Lincoln	1 59
Charles B. Lock	3 48
Abraham Lincoln	1 65
Jerome Leavitt	6 72
Martin Leavitt	7 20
Levi Leavitt	2 21
Elijah Leavitt	4 00
John W. Loud	52
Loring Lothrop	41
Jacob H. Loud	16 58
Thaddeus Litchfield	8 79
J. Bestus Litchfield	1 79
Alden S. Loud	8 70
Levi Lincoln, 2d	1 95
Cummins Lothrop	4 50
Francis M. Lincoln	15 28
Heirs Priscilla Lothrop	39
Abner L. Leavitt	2 72
Amos C. Lock	9 57
Caleb B. Marsh	4 03
Property Lincoln's Mills	4 37
Joseph Mott	1 31
Estate John N. Nichols	6 62
John Nye	2 37
Charles Nichols	4 41
Estate Eben Nichols	1 18
Thomas Pratt	4 22
Seth Phinney	2 79
Thomas B. Porter	1 02
William Pierce	56
Uriah Penney	1 45
Stephen C. Phillips, guardian to Alf. Appleton	235 50
Charles C. Parsons	17 40
Widow Mary R. Pratt	13 25
Ebed Ripley	1 15
Justin Ripley	1 86
Thomas Richardson	102 96
Peter Sprague	2 84
Spencer Sherman	4 71
Timothy Smith	1 74
Elijah Sprague	2 70
Estate James Stephenson	1 90
Heirs Maria F. Sumner	3 91
Daniel B. Stetson	1 02
F. Stetson	51
Estate Nathaniel Shaw	10 27
John Salone	33
Ezra Stephenson	3 65
William Sohier	24 28
South Shore R. R. Co.	45 24
William B. Tower	48
N. Quincy Thaxter	5 38
Estate Thomas Thaxter	2 57
Estate Jacob Thaxter	3 80
Reuben Thomas	1 66
Estate Bela Tower	5
Levi Tower	21 84
Eben Tarbel	13 92
Joseph Tolman	96
Sumner Trowbridge	1 44
Estate Mordecai L. Willis	7 64
Peter Willcutt	1 96
Estate Ezra Whiton	2 38
Levi Willcutt	25 00
Royal Whiton, Jr.	11 39
R. R. Walker	1 94
Caleb White	50
Alexander Williams	2 18
John Waters	3 36
Betsey T. Willcutt	39
David Wilson	10 03
Wid. Sarah Wheelwright	30 22
Andrew C. Wheelwright	6 54
Thomas Pratt	4 35

REPORT

OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

THE TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR 1860–61.

AT the close of another school year, the School Committee respectfully submit to the town the following Report:

The schools have been conducted this year according to the system that has been pursued for a number of years past, no important changes have been made, and nothing has occurred to disturb their harmony, or to call for especial remark. They have come so far short of what they ought to be, have so many defects, and provide so inadequately for the proper instruction of the children, that the committee have sometimes felt greatly dissatisfied with them. They have been in the way of hearing frequent complaints from parents, that their children were not properly instructed and cared for; from teachers, that their pupils were not well trained and influenced at home, and were too frequently permitted to be absent from school; and from children, that too much study was required of them, too little assistance was given them, or that they were treated unjustly or severely by their teachers. All these complaints may have had some foundation of truth. Yet they are only the repetition of what is heard every year. They show how various and difficult the conditions of a perfect school are, how essential it is that parents, teachers, and children should each do their part, and labor cordially together to secure the highest result.

But, after a careful examination of the schools, and a fair estimate of the work which has been done in them, the committee are satisfied that they have been as successfully conducted, as a whole, as in any previous year. Especial

attention has been given to the common branches. Reading has been taught with more than usual success, and, in some of the schools, there has been great improvement. Very praiseworthy efforts have been made by some of the teachers to train the children in the correct articulation of the vowel and consonant sounds. Writing has received much attention, and many of the scholars have made good improvement in this art. The committee have required that half an hour should be devoted to it daily, in all except the primary schools.

The following table represents the numbers and the average attendance in the different schools during the year:

	Whole Number.		Average Attendance.	
	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.
Jerusalem School,	30	28	21	20
North Grammar School,	51	46	41	36
North Primary "	25	28	17	17
Centre Grammar "	55	56	41	40
Centre Primary "	40	33	26	15
South Grammar "	55	49	36	38
South Primary "	49	42	31	36
Beechwoods "	55	38	36	30
Beechwoods Primary,		21		16
High School,	93	94	70	65

The Jerusalem School was commenced under the charge of Miss Betsey B. Lincoln, who had last year proved herself to be a faithful and efficient teacher. Her health failing, she was obliged to suspend her labors at the end of the second or third week, and finally to relinquish the school. Her sister, Miss Lucy Lincoln, at first took her place as substitute, and at length regularly assumed the charge of the school, and has been its teacher through the remainder of the year. She has been successful in her management of the school, has maintained good discipline, and the children have made constant improvement in learning. At the closing examination the school appeared well, and seemed to have advanced to a higher condition than ever before, showing conclusively the benefit of continuing it through the year under the charge of the same teacher. All the classes did well, with the exception of some in spelling. Very decided improvement had been made in the reading, and the writing books showed commendable progress, perhaps more marked than in any other school in the town.

The North Grammar School has been continued under the charge of Miss Martha J. Bates. This school has not been in an entirely satisfactory state for a number of years. This year it has given the committee some anxiety; yet they have been pleased to notice a gradual improvement in it, as they

have visited it from time to time, and the closing examination gave them great satisfaction. Indeed, the school has not appeared so well for a number of years as it did then. The classes generally recited well, especially in Colburn's First Lessons and Grammar. The reading was good, and showed that much pains had been taken with this important branch. Some of the scholars had made very marked improvement in writing.

Miss Bates has evidently exerted herself to improve the school, and has brought it to such a state, that, with continued effort and diligence, very satisfactory results may be reasonably anticipated in the future.

The North Primary School has been taught during the year by Miss Eliza H. Tower. This school has always appeared, when it has been visited, to be in good order, the children interested and happy, and their exercises have been highly satisfactory. At the closing examination the children read and recited their lessons with great vivacity and enthusiasm. A class in Colburn's First Lessons had made unusually good progress, and showed a very thorough knowledge of what they had studied. Miss Tower has proved herself to be an earnest and efficient teacher.

The Centre Grammar School, continued under the tuition of Miss Abby N. Bates, has sustained its previous high character. Miss Bates has been diligent and efficient in the discharge of her duties, and all the classes under her instruction have made good progress, and show evidence of careful and faithful teaching. At the examination the recitations were good; the arithmetic classes seemed to have been diligently and thoroughly taught, and the reading was remarkably good, showing that it had received very careful attention. An exercise in articulation, giving the vowel and consonant sounds, afforded great satisfaction to the committee, and they hope that such exercises will be introduced into all the schools. The writing books also showed that much pains had been taken with them, and that many children had made good improvement.

The Centre Primary School has been continued under the charge of Miss Elizabeth Orcutt. This school has generally appeared well when it has been visited, and the children seem to have made good progress in learning. During the year most of the older and more advanced children left the school for the grammar school, while those who have remained are quite young, or else backward in learning; besides, this school has been diminished this winter, more than any other school in the town, by sickness among the children, and bad weather, keeping the younger children from school.

From these causes the attendance has been small, and no very encouraging results could be shown at the examination. Still, the few scholars then present seemed to have made good progress in learning.

The South Grammar School has been taught by Miss Marcia P. Tower. As Miss Tower had never before had charge of so large a school, it took her some time to find out the right processes of school management and instruction. The school, therefore, at first caused the committee some anxiety ; but, at every visit which they made, some improvement was manifest, and at the closing examination the school seemed to be in a very good condition. The exercises were generally good, improvement in the various branches of learning was manifest, especially in reading, and an earnest spirit prevailed in the school. The committee cannot but feel that Miss Tower, by her increased experience and continued exertion, may bring this school into a very satisfactory state.

The South Primary School has been continued under the charge of Miss Mary L. Cushing. This school has sustained its previous high position, as our *model* primary school. The children have been in a good state of discipline, have been carefully taught, and have made excellent progress in learning. Great earnestness and enthusiasm have prevailed in the school, and, while the teacher has taken an affectionate interest in her pupils, they have shown a reciprocal regard for her.

As Miss Cushing has determined to discontinue her connection with this school at the close of this term, the committee would express their high appreciation of her long continued, faithful and efficient labors as a teacher, and of the earnest and hearty spirit she has carried into her work.

The Beechwoods School was taught during its summer term, by Miss Lizzie A. Bailey. Miss Bailey had previously taught this school with good success, and the committee anticipated much benefit to the school from its being again placed under her instruction ; but most of the children were young and backward in learning, while many were inconstant in their attendance. Miss Bailey seemed to be anxious to succeed, and had some fine qualifications for instructing an older and more advanced class of scholars ; but she failed to become heartily interested in her work, suffered much discouragement and discontent, aud failed of the success which it was hoped she would achieve.

The winter term of the Beechwoods School did not commence till late in the season, owing to delay in furnishing the new school-house. This school is under the charge of Mr. L.

Webster Bates. No final report can, at present, be given of its condition and success, as it had been in session but six weeks when last visited. It then was in a good state of discipline, the recitations were good, and the school seemed to be in a satisfactory and promising condition in every respect.

The Primary department of this school has been under the charge of Miss Sarah L. Bates. The number of children in the school is larger than usual, therefore it has not been thought best to place in it any classes from the larger school, as was done last year. The school was in a good condition when it was last visited, although, as the day was very rainy, but few scholars were present, and the committee could not judge of the state of the school with certainty, yet the few who were present seemed to be doing well.

A large and well planned school-house has been built for the Beechwoods School during the year. The rooms for both departments are high, convenient and pleasant, and will probably be adequate in size for the school for many years There are probably few schools in the State better accommodated with school room than this. In addition, both departments of the school seem to be under good management at present. Yet, with all these advantages, this school is now in the most backward condition of any school in the town. This arises, not from deficiency of schooling, for the school usually keeps as long as in the other districts, viz., forty weeks in the year ; nor from want of good teachers, for the district is, perhaps, as well favored in this respect as the others : but it arises from the frequent change of teachers. A female teacher takes charge of the summer school, and pursues one method of discipline and instruction. When she has brought the school into a good state of discipline, has interested the scholars in study, has gained their affections, and begun to realize some encouraging results from her labors, she is obliged to relinquish the school to a male teacher. He may be a perfect stranger to the children. It will take him some time to become acquainted with them, and to learn their characters, abilities and attainments. His methods of discipline and instruction will differ from those of the last teacher, and though he may be faithful in his endeavors, and well fitted for his office, at the end of four months, when he has just begun to accomplish something satisfactory, he is obliged to give way to a new female teacher. And, with such frequent changes, now and then a teacher will be employed, unfitted for the work, and the school will receive an injury not easy to be repaired.

So long as the present system prevails, it will be impossi-

ble to bring the school into a satisfactory condition. The Jerusalem School was managed in a similar way, and it was found to be impossible to raise its character so long as a female was employed in the summer and a male teacher in the winter. But since it has been continued all the year round under the same teacher, its condition has been constantly improving, and it now bids fair to equal any of the schools of the same grade in the town.

The Beechwoods School may be raised in the same way. If it could be taught throughout the year by the same female teacher, or, should a female be deemed incompetent to secure proper government, if the services of a male teacher could be secured for the money appropriated to the district, it is probable that it would soon begin to improve, and in a few years become one of the best schools in the town, as it would contain older and more advanced scholars than the other grammar schools.

The High School has been continued through the year under the charge of Mr. Robert F. Leighton and Miss Mary R. Tower. It has always been impossible to make this school satisfactory in every respect. Indeed, it labors under certain difficulties which are inseparable from its very constitution, as it is at present organized. Since children are admitted according to their age, not according to their qualifications, there are many in the school who are not far advanced in the studies appropriate to the grammar schools; and there are some, even, who need the rudimentary instruction of the primary schools. Then, the scholars are of such an age that those who are not disposed to study cannot be so easily disciplined and influenced as younger children, nor can they be suspended or removed from school, as may be done in private schools, academies and colleges. In addition to this, many who are not indisposed to exert themselves are permitted by their parents to be absent frequently from school, thus breaking the continuity of their studies, impairing their own interest, and doing an injury to the whole school. Then, if the teachers increase their demands on their scholars, so as to require them to study out of school, some of the scholars, and sometimes the parents, complain that they are overworked. On the other hand, if no lessons are given to be committed out of school, complaints are made that the teachers do not require enough study of their pupils.

There have been, from the causes above referred to and other causes, scholars in the High School who have probably made but little progress during the year; yet, when the school has been visited, it has usually been in a good condition, both departments have seemed to be in a satisfactory

state of discipline, and the pupils have, for the most part, appeared to be diligent, obedient, and interested in their studies. Those disposed to learn have made good progress, some of whom are worthy of high praise for their faithfulness and industry, for their attainments in knowledge, and for the cordial spirit they have manifested towards their teachers and the school.

The closing examination was continued through the whole day, and was more thorough than it has ever been before. It was even more satisfactory than it was last year, and showed that a great deal of work had been faithfully done. The classes in arithmetic and the higher mathematics appeared to have been carefully taught, especially in a knowledge of principles. The classes in the rudiments of Latin and in English Grammar, that had been under the instruction of Miss Tower, gave evidence of diligent and successful teaching, while the reading of the school seemed to have been very much improved. And what gave increased interest to the examination, most of the scholars had been taught to speak loud and distinctly, so that there was little difficulty in hearing and understanding their exercises.

As Mr. Leighton has determined to dissolve his connection with the school at the close of this school year, the committee would take this occasion to express their satisfaction with his general management of the school, their acknowledgment of his uniform courtesy towards themselves, their sense of his unassuming, gentlemanly and honorable character, their appreciation of his scholarly spirit and attainments, and their best wishes for his success in whatever honorable avocation he may engage in.

In the review of the different schools which has now been presented, commendation has been bestowed on those thought worthy, and defects in some instances have been noticed, as it seemed to be needful. The committee have endeavored to represent the schools as they have appeared on actual examination, and, while they repeat the assertion, that they believe the schools to have been successful, as a whole, this year, perhaps never more so, this assertion must be taken in only a relative and limited sense. Probably no persons have seen more defects in the schools, or been more troubled by them, than the committee. When they have noticed the slow progress, and want of interest of many of the children, and the not unfrequent want, on the part of the teachers, of tact, of skill, of experience, and of a just comprehension of what true teaching of the young may be, and ought to be, they have at times felt discouraged about the schools. Yet they have been aware how difficult it is to teach and govern

a school well, how limited our means are for securing the services of thoroughly prepared teachers, how many influences there are, often from without, unfavorable to the efficiency of our schools, and what real difficulties lie in the way of teaching with the highest success a single child, much more a large school of children of different habits, tempers, training, mental abilities and home influences. When, then, they assert that the schools have been successful, they mean, not absolutely and in accordance with their ideas of what schools ought to be, and may become under more favorable circumstances, but in view of their actual circumstances, and the difficulties which they have to encounter.

The first requisite for a good school is a good teacher. For this office but few are, in reality, properly qualified. There should be a higher and more thorough culture and mental discipline than our teachers often attain, a clearer appreciation of the *principles* of the branches to be taught, and a knowledge of the mental action, of the capacities, of the right methods of interesting, quickening and instructing the minds of children, which few teachers possess. Then teaching has become a profession, and one is not thoroughly prepared to enter upon the work, who has not had especial training in reference to that object. Besides, after a thorough education and especial technical training and instruction, many of the details, and much of the practice of the art, can be learned only from experience. But the small salaries which we are obliged to pay our teachers, do not warrant their going to the expense of money and time necessary to qualify themselves properly, nor do they enable us to secure the services of experienced, successful, and thoroughly qualified teachers, from out of town. We have, therefore, to take the best educated teachers we can procure at home, and, if they do not always succeed quite to our satisfaction, the first or the second year, we must remember that they themselves must first be taught much that is essential to their success as teachers, and which they can learn only through experience. Yet they should keep ever before their minds a high ideal of their profession, and be content with no low attainment or moderate success. It is encouraging that those of our young ladies who have taken charge of schools have improved, year by year, and have been more successful than those procured from abroad. It is hoped, that while they remain teachers, they will continue to be learners, enlarge their circle of knowledge, find out improved methods of teaching, and strive for the highest excellence in their very honorable profession. By these means they will enter into closer sympathy with their pupils, find more joy in their work, and achieve higher success.

Besides having efficient teachers, there is another essential condition to our having good schools. It is, that parents co-operate with the teachers, send their children punctually and constantly to school, take an interest in their studies, and use their influence to make them respectful, obedient and orderly. It would be well for them to visit the schools more frequently than they do. Their occasional presence would be an incitement to their children, and a help and encouragement to the teachers. They should be considerate in their judgments of the teachers, strive to appreciate the difficulties of their position, and not make too much of the mistakes they may fall into, and their occasional want of self-possession or of good temper, when, wearied with their arduous duties, troubled with the restlessness and perhaps disobedience of uneasy children, and, it may be, laboring under nervous depression or irritability, they have not always been perfectly gentle and just in the treatment of their children.

The most frequent complaint is that children do not receive sufficient attention, nor advance fast enough in their studies. This complaint may be often just; yet, as our schools are constituted, no teacher can possibly give to the children the attention that each one needs. In a school of forty scholars, if each one received his full share of attention, and not a minute was taken by the teacher to maintain order, to answer the questions and attend to the wants of the children, to note the absences and see to the general affairs of the school, eight and one quarter minutes would be the utmost amount of time that could be devoted to the especial instruction of each scholar during the day. If parents, then, are really desirous that their children should improve rapidly in learning, they must devote some little time to their instruction at home. A little time spent in teaching the younger children, every day, would assist them very much in learning to read; and, if the older ones are kept at home evenings, instead of being permitted to spend their time in the streets, and if they are assisted somewhat in their studies, or even habituated to useful and pleasant reading, their taste for learning will be strengthened, and their school education will be greatly assisted.

The expenses of the schools, for the year now closing, will be as follows:

Jerusalem District, for teaching,			$160 00	Fuel, &c.,	27 75
North	"	"	260 00	" "	42 90
Centre	"	"	260 00	" "	41 50
Beechwoods	"	"	256 00	" "	38 50
South	"	"	260 00	" "	64 68
High School	"	"	760 00	" "	82 25
Total amount for Teaching,			$1,956 00	For Fuel, &c.	$297 68

The sum of these two amounts is $2253 68, which will be the total cost of teaching, and of fuel and care of rooms, in all the schools the present year.

To meet this expense, there are the town's appropriation, $2100; income of Ripley Fund, $50; from State Literary Fund, $87 53, amounting in all to $2237 53. This, deducted from the cost of the schools, viz., $2253 68, leaves a deficiency of $16 15. It has been usual to deduct from the cost of fuel for the High School, and charge to the incidental expenses of the town, ten dollars a year, on account of warming the Selectmen's room and the hall. Making this deduction, the deficiency will be $6 15, and, as a small sum will be due for teaching children from Hull, there will probably be no deficiency.

There has been some diversity of opinion with respect to the mode in which the moneys appropriated to the support of the schools should be divided among the different districts. It was the design and the expectation of the Committee, last year, when they recommended in their report appropriations for the different schools, that the sums specifically designated to pay for teaching should be strictly applied to that object, and that, in addition, all legitimate expenses for fuel, care of rooms, &c., should be paid by the treasurer of the town. It could not be accurately ascertained beforehand what those expenses would be, but a statement of the expenses of each district and of the High School, for fuel, &c., last year, was given, not for the purpose of serving as a guide for distributing the money this year, but to enable us to form an estimate of the whole amount that would be needed. The amount given was $272 58. This was all that was then on the treasurer's books. But, since this year commenced, bills to the amount of $15, on last year's account, have been presented for payment, which, added to $272 58, makes the whole expense for fuel, &c., for last year $287 58. This, compared with the expense for this year, viz., $287 68 (which would be the real expense after deducting $10 for warming the hall, &c., as last year), would differ only by 10 cents. The design of the Committee was, that each school should be kept for forty weeks, and that the other expenses should be paid, whether more or less, and they judged that the amount of money recommended to be raised, with the other resources of the schools, would meet these expenses. The money has been distributed on this principle for many years, or at least since the present school system has been adopted, and the committee think it best, upon the whole, to continue this mode of distribution. If, however, it should be thought best to assign to each district and school its

share of money for fuel, it ought to be divided according to some fixed principle, and not in proportion to what each may have expended this year.

1. The Committee recommend that the same appropriations of money for teaching in the different districts, and in the High School, be made for the next year, as for the year now closing, viz.:

Jerusalem District,		$160	Beechwoods District,	$256
North	"	260	High School,	760
Centre	"	260		
South	"	260	Total,	$1,956

2. They recommend that the same schools be kept the same number of weeks, and according to the same plan, as this year, with the exception of the Beechwoods District.

3. They recommend that it be optional with that district to continue the school in the district throughout the year, under the charge of one male teacher, one female teacher, or according to the present system, as they may decide at a legal district meeting.

The expenses of the schools, according to the plan proposed, will be for teaching, $1,956; for fuel, &c., probably $290: giving a total of $2,246. To meet this expense, we shall have $50 from the Ripley Fund, and from the State Literary Fund $87 53, making in all, $137 53. Deducting this sum from $2,246, leaves a remainder of $2,108 47.

4 The committee recommend, therefore, that $2,100 be raised for the support of the schools in the town, the next year, commencing March 4th.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
EDWARD TOWER,
L. WEBSTER BATES,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

For the Year ending February 15, 1862.

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, THE TOWN TREASURER,

AND THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WITH

THE TAX LIST FOR 1861.

HINGHAM:
BLOSSOM & EASTERBROOK, PRINTERS,
1862.

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

OUTSTANDING BILLS NOT ORDERED IN 1860.

Rufus Bates, Jr., labor on bridge	$4 39	
Orin R. Beal, making fires	2 00	
Edward Tower, Surveying and plan of road	4 25	
Gove and Pratt, setting glass	2 38	
David Clapp, printing report	41 86	
Wm. O. Haskell, furniture for Beechwoods School House	171 70	
Caleb Nichols, auctioneer	3 75	
Whiton, Bartlett & Co., oil for engine	2 50	
Ezra Towle 2d., Town Hall	1 00	
John Cronican, watching fires	2 25	
F. J. Damon, Town Hall	2 41	
Walter S. Tower, distributing report	75	
Stephen Lincoln, " "	50	
Thomas Sweeny, " "	50	
A. H. Tower, gravel and scow	3 75	
Clement B. Tower, making fires	8 75	
C. H. Willard, coal engine house	1 88	
C. H. Willard, coal S. S. house	24 06	
Rufus Fish, Supt. almshouse	112 50	
M. V. Wallis, brooms &c. Beechwoods School House	1 13	
Aaron Pratt, wood and sawing " " "	5 00	
J. O. Lawrence, wharfage on gravel	1 50	
Perez P. Nichols, carpenter	1 00	
John Willcutt, door lock	50	
S. P. Gove, posting warrants 1859	3 00	
S. P. Gove, police officer 1860	2 00	
S. L. Damon, commission on taxes	5 00	
Hiram Bruce, " " "	8 00	
		$418 31

ABATEMENTS MADE BY THE ASSESSORS.

For the year 1854	1 44	
" 1855	3 48	
" 1856	7 11	
" 1857	13 21	
" 1858	48 71	
" 1859	124 37	
" 1860	81 76	
" 1861	159 35	
		$439 43

SCHOOL COMMITTEES' SERVICES.

Joseph Osgood	42 25	
L. Webster Bates	29 50	
Edward Tower	34 50	
		$106 25

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Levi N. Bates	43 51	
Edward Tower	22 24	
		$65 75

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Gove & Pratt, varnishing desks and setting glass.	6 31	
T. Lincoln, 2 chairs	1 41	
Samuel Bates, repairs on stove	5 75	
Caleb Nichols, carting stoves	50	
Edward Tower, brooms, mugs, &c	1 50	
Levi N. Bates, crayons	83	
		$16 30

NORTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Mrs. A. Mulvey, cleaning	4 16	
Fox & Bates, labor, stock, &c	7 55	
Samuel Nichols, whitewashing	3 00	
A. W. Hayden,	2 50	
Gove & Pratt, varnishing desks	3 79	
N. M. Nichols, setting glass	1 00	
Samuel Bates, funnel	1 22	
Daniel Tower, brooms, pails &c	1 14	
Thomas Willcutt, Jr., boxes for stoves	1 75	
L. N. Bates, brooms and crayons	53	
M. Mulvey, labor	2 00	
		$28 64

BEECHWOODS SCHOOL HOUSE.

Thomas A. Bates, labor, seats, &c	4 75	
Charles H. Wood, glass and water	2 00	
L. N. Bates, crayons	25	
		$7 00

JERUSALEM SCHOOL HOUSE.

Gove & Pratt, varnishing desks	3 05	
Ephraim Lincoln, cleaning	2 75	
		$5 80

CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Elizabeth Orcutt, clock and bell	2 00	
Gove & Pratt, setting glass	87	
Susan Hawthorne, cleaning	75	
Henry Williston, cleaning stove	50	
Levi N. Bates, crayons, hooks, &c	2 37	
B. & R. L. Parker, sawing	30 90	
David Cushing 2d., lumber	97 80	
L. N. Bates, hardware	17 13	
Elijah N. Barker, painting	20 17	
Louis N. Lincoln, labor	10 50	
Zaccheus Rich, labor and stock	39 61	
Warren Orcutt, labor	6 12	
Elias Brown, "	13 12	
Thos. Willcutt, Jr., labor	11 37	
Lewis Willcutt 2d., "	15 74	
Samuel Nichols, "	8 17	
Job Pratt, "	15 75	
Martin N. Bates, "	8 25	
A. W. Hayden, "	3 12	
Daniel Sullivan, "	1 00	
Thomas Smith, carting	1 60	
James Beal, "	8 80	
Caleb F. Nichols, curtains	1 37	
Samuel Bates, registers and funnel	14 70	
Calvin Merriman, hardware	1 28	
Wm. O. Haskell, furniture	9 25	
		$342 24

HIGH SCHOOL ROOM.

J. L. Ross, furniture	6 52	
Wm. Hall & Co., locks and keys	3 03	
George W. Fuller, repairing clock	2 50	
Gove & Pratt, varnishing desks	5 59	
Tilden & Lincoln, labor on desks	2 25	
Edward Tower, labor, brushes, &c	1 90	
George W. Cousins, Jr., labor	1 87	
Samuel Bates, funnel	20 75	
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock	3 85	
Amos Tilden & Son, nails	62	
Gove & Pratt, setting glass	50	
Levi N. Bates, crayons, &c	1 75	
		$51 13

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teachers' Salary	760 00	
Clement B. Tower, making fires	15 25	
C. H. Willard, coal	44 00	
Caleb Nichols, wood	15 00	
Thomas Sweeny, sawing wood	2 50	
		$836 75

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

Teachers' Salary	160 00	
Ephraim Lincoln, wood	16 50	
Ephraim Lincoln, "	6 00	
Lorenzo Beal, making fires	4 00	
		$186 50

NORTH SCHOOL.

Teachers' salary	260 00	
Thomas Willcutt, wood	11 37	
Lot S. Vinal, "	7 00	
Saml. G. James, "	5 25	
J. O. Lawrence, "	7 00	
John Willcutt, labor on wood	7 00	
John Willcutt, making fires	8 00	
		$305 62

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Teachers' salary	26000	
C. H. Willard, coal	27 45	
M. B. Stetson & Co. wood	2 50	
Daniel Sullivan, sawing wood	3 75	
George H. Barker, making fires	8 50	
		$302 20

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Teachers' salary	260 00	
Wm. B. Taylor, making fires	3 75	
C. H. Willard, coal	19 13	
M. B. Stetson & Co. wood	1 00	
John Pratt, making fires	6 50	
		$290 38

BEECHWOODS SCHOOL.

Teachers' salary	256 00	
A. J. Bates, wood	8 00	
Thomas Williams, sawing wood	3 75	
Benjamin Pratt, wood	18 75	
Frederick Bates, labor on wood	1 62	
A. J. Bates, sawing wood	1 05	
Edwin Bates, " "	1 15	
Thos. A. Bates, " "	2 72	
		$293 04

State Tax, 1861	360 00	
County Tax, 1861	1178 44	
		$1538 44

HEARSE AND HOUSE.

Gove & Pratt, painting and repairs on hearse	31 25	
Gove & Pratt, setting glass	1 25	
James Dowd, repairing spring	1 75	
George Bates, repairs on house	6 75	
Samuel Bates, sheet lead	50	
Amos Tilden & Son, iron work	2 50	
C. F. Nichols, trimmings	2 86	
		$46 86

TOWN HALL.

Gove & Pratt, painting, and setting glass	4 75	
Tilden & Lincoln, repairs on settees	57 67	
James Beal, carting settees	2 63	
		$65 05

SHOVELLING SNOW.

Thomas Bates	36 32	
Timothy W. Brown	17 26	
Rufus Bates, Jr.	23 51	
Orin R. Beal	35 55	
Lot Willcutt	18 67	
John Burbank, Jr	31 23	
Paul B. Worrick	15 96	
Warren Bates 2d	7 33	
Hiram Bruce	23 17	
		$209 00

ROADS AND BBIDGES;

Orin R. Beal, building 10 bridges on Jerusalem road	113 00	
Cornelius Lincoln, railing bridge	9 11	
James Stoddard, blowing ledge	80 00	
Paul B. Worrick, gravel	25 00	
Lot Willcutt, building bridge and widening road	37 25	
J. & A. Pratt, gravel	5 00	
John H. Morgan, building bridge	5 00	
Fox & Bates repairing railing	7 00	
S. P. Gove, auctioneer	1 50	
Jeremy Towle, rebuilding bridge near Wm. Taylor's	9 00	
Daniel Sullivan, work on bridge near Wm. Taylor's	3 75	
M. B. Stetson, covering stone	1 25	
Caleb Nichols, labor on bridge	3 75	
Charles L. Rich, gravel	10 00	
Benjamin Pratt, labor on road	2 00	
Aaron Nichols, bridge steep rocks	6 00	

Rufus Bates, Jr., bridge	5 00	
J. O. Lawrence, wharfage on gravel	4 05	
A. H. Tower, gravel and scow	26 00	
Orin R. Beal, gravel	8 00	
		$361 66

HIGHWAY TAXES 1860, RETURNED BY SURVEYORS.

Edward Tower, surveyor	8 20	
Warren Bates 2d., "	25 30	
Thomas Smith, "	9 23	
Rufus Bates Jr., "	6 20	
John Souther, "	3 56	
Francis L. Bates, "	15 75	
Orin R. Beal, "	17 65	
George Bates, "	1 55	
Levi L. Worrick Jr. "	10 60	
James Willcutt, "	3 95	
Welcome Beal, "	21 45	
Lewis Lincoln, "	2 61	
		$126 05

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

33 engine men, poll tax abated	49 50	
A. W. Hayden, steward,	20 00	
Thomas Beal, straps,	1 20	
N. M. Nichols, 1860, painting	1 00	
L. N. Bates, fluid	91	
		$72 61

NEW ROAD IN BEECHWOODS STREET.

Rufus Bates, Jr., widening road,	$ 20 00	
Edwin Bates, building road,	164 25	
Timothy W. Brown, blowing rocks,	60 00	
Ezra Towle, railing bridges,	115 00	
Ezra Towle, building road and railing,	214 50	
Lot Bates, blowing rocks,	34 25	
L. W. Bates, building bridge,	239 65	
Isaac S. Pratt, building road,	430 38	
Isaac S. Pratt, blowing rock,	115 00	
James Beal, horse hire,	34 00	
		$1,427 03

One half allowed by County, see Treasurer's Report.

LEVI N. BATES, TREASURER OF VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE.

Order on Town Treasurer,	$542 76

SUPPLIES TO FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS.

To family of Wm. F. Thayer,	$105 00
" " " Samuel K. Dunster,	18 00
	$123 00

FLAG STAFF.

Peter E. Falcon, getting mast,	$ 3 00	
Samuel P. Stoddard, labor,	2 25	
James Stoddard, "	6 00	
Isaac Hall, " and stock,	17 30	
Paul B. Worrick, "	1 50	
Samuel Brown, "	3 75	
Zaccheus Rich, " and stock,	4 75	
Leavitt Burbank, "	3 12	
Gove and Pratt, " and stock,	7 17	
A. T. P. Prouty, spar for topmast,	5 00	
James Beal, carting,	8 50	
Daniel Sullivan, labor,	63	
Michael Sweeny, "	50	
Wm. C. Turner, mast,	15 00	
A. S. Litchfield, labor,	3 00	
Wm. Bates, "	1 50	
T. M. Smith, dinner for band and gunners,	4 50	
A. Tilden & Son, iron work,	6 40	
A. Hall, rigging and use of blocks,	5 31	
John J. Lincoln, labor,	2 25	
		$101 43

MISCELLANEOUS.

Newcomb B. Tower, printing,	$11 87	
Zenas Stoddard, postage,	46	
Edward Tower, postage and book,	1 19	
Louis N. Lincoln, five snow ploughs,	18 00	
Beal's Express,	2 25	
Levi N. Bates, stationery,	2 30	
Samuel Nichols, police-officer,	2 00	
S. P. Gove, commission on taxes,	7 47	
" killing dog and notifying,	2 50	
H. O. Wheelwright, damage to sheep,	5 00	
Rufus Bates, Jr., notifying,	5 00	
James Beal, lighting Town Hall for volunteers to drill,	15 00	
James Beal, constable,	13 00	
" horse hire, assessors and selectmen,	11 80	
		$97 84

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. Q. A. Lothrop, selectman and assessor,	$110 00	
Solomon J. Beal, " "	110 00	
David Beal, selectman,	20 00	
Edward Tower, assessor,	64 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer and Collector,	100 00	
Newcomb Bates, Jr., Town Clerk,	29 70	
		$433 70

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding bills, 1860,	$ 418 31	
Abatements,	439 43	
School Committee,	106 25	
School Books,	65 75	
Repair on School Houses,	451 11	
Support of Schools,	2,214 49	
State and County Tax,	1,538 44	
Hearse and House,	46 86	
Town Hall,	65 05	
Shoveling Snow,	209 00	
Roads and Bridges,	361 66	
Highway Deficiencies,	126 05	
Fire Department,	72 61	
New Road Beechwoods,	1,427 03	
Volunteer Committee,	542 76	
Supplies to families of volunteers,	123 00	
Flag Staff,	101 43	
Miscellaneous,	97 84	
Town Officers,	433 70	
Overseers of Poor orders,	2,101 50	
		$10,942 27
Orders outstanding,		20 08
		$10,922 19

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 15, 1862.

Lewis Willcutt, three notes, due March 15, 1862,	$ 300 00	
Charles Nichols, one note, due April 1, 1862,	500 00	
Cohasset F. M. Ins. Co., due April 24, 1862,	200 00	
Henry Doane, Jr., four notes, due April 1, 1863,	800 00	
Lewis Willcutt, two notes, due April 1, 1863,	200 00	
Hingham Savings Bank, four notes, due April 24, 1864, 65, 66, 67,	3,500 00	
Cohasset Savings Bank, eight notes, due April 1, 1868, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75,	8,000 00	
Est. Caroline L. Tower, one note, due April 24, 1867,	500 00	
		$14,000 00
Levi Pratt, demand note, balance due,	300 00	
Cohasset Savings Bank, one demand note,	1,000 00	
Rufus Fish, salary, April 1, 1862,	112 50	
		$1,412 50
		$15,412 50

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEBRUARY 15, 1862.

Due from Town of Hull for schooling of children for the years 1860 and 1861 - - - -	$ 30 00	
" " Town of Hingham for supplies to Mary M. Prouty and children -	25 11	
" " Town of Weymouth for medical attendance on W. F. Thayer's family - - - -	15 50	
" " State on account of Volunteers	137 38	
" for hay and at pound in 1859 -	20 00	
" " wood sold D. S. Nott in 1860 -	3 25	
" " wood sold W. W. Studley in 1860 - - - -	3 25	
" " hay sold Charles Barnes in 1861	10 00	
" " balance on H. J. Turner's note	222 85	
Balance in Treasury - -	1,013 87	
		$1,481 21
The actual Town debt after deducting the above is - - - - -		$13,931 29

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
SOLOMON J. BEAL,
DAVID BEAL.
} *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

Dr

Amount of stock on hand, Feb. 4, 1861,	$1,204 86
Keeper's salary,	225 00
Rent of Farm,	200 00
C. F. Nichols' bill, Dry Goods and Groceries,	171 04
M. B. Stetson & Co., Grain and "	160 17
Howard Pratt, " "	26 20
C. Merriam, " "	25 32
Z. L. Beal, " "	28 23
J. O. Lawrence, " "	26 73
Daniel Tower, " "	11 53
Bourne & Nickerson, Provision,	60 96
Warren Bates, Cow (for beef,)	21 00
Thomas Bates, 10 bushels of Rye,	9 50
A. H. Tower, Jr., Salt Fish,	9 58
J. W. Fish, Fresh Fish and Clams,	10 61
J. Taylor, " "	4 59
N. W. Treat, " "	1 50
C. H. Lothrop, 95 lbs. halibut,	4 75
G. James, 11 bushels potatoes,	5 50
L. L. Worrick, 5 bush. " 2 50; posts, 3 08;	5 58
Wm. Stewart, shoat,	7 00
C. Nichols, wood, standing,	65 75
James Willcutt, grass,	9 25
Levi Nichols, "	4 00
C. Nichols, "	5 75
R. Whiton, pasturage,	17 00
A. Tilden, smith work,	20 05
F. J. Damon, "	3 87
A. Barnes, cobbling,	9 71
Samuel Bates, iron and tin ware,	7 45
C. H. Willard, coal,	4 23
C. J. Pratt, coffin and express,	7 00

J. Towle, undertaker,	5 00
S. P. Gove, paint, (for wagon,)	4 30
Z. Bates, cooperage,	1 86
J. St. John, tailoring,	1 17
M. D. Tower, "	2 00
J. J. Lothrop, sea-weed,	1 33
A. Whittington, salt,	1 05
T. L. Burbank, sawing logs,	63
Total amount of Dr.,	$2,391 05

ALMSHOUSE.

Cr.

11 ton English hay,	$165 00
1 1-2 fresh "	12 00
3 ploughs, 15 00; baskets, 1 50,	16 00
Harrow, 8 00; dray, 3 00,	11 00
Yokes and ladder,	6 00
Rakes, hoes and crowbars,	4 00
Shovels and Forks, 4 00; scalding tub, 50,	4 50
Cattle ties, 2 00; Tackle Blocks and Fall, 2 00,	4 00
Picks, wedges and axes, 8 00; barrels and casks, 6 00,	14 00
Yoke of oxen, 115 00; 2 cows, 80 00,	195 00
Ox wagon, 50 00; ox cart, 35 00,	85 00
Ox sled, 12 00; 3 pigs, 15 00,	27 00
22 hens, 8 80; watering trough, 3 00,	11 80
4 cords dry wood, (hard,)	28 00
20 " green, "	120 00
25 1-2 " (pine,)	67 50
Wood-saw and horse, 1 50; 6 chairs, 5 00,	6 50
Oak plank, 3 00; cedar posts, 3 00,	6 00
Washing machine, measures and churn,	4 50
Meal bags, 1 00; flour, 3 75,	4 75
10 bushels meal, 7 40; corn and barley, 3 75,	11 15
3 1-2 bushels white beans, 7 00; salt, 1 00,	8 00
200 lbs salt fish, 6 00; mackerel, 1 75,	7 75
1000 lbs pork, 70 00; 975 lbs beef, 58 50,	128 5
100 bushel potatoes, 50 00; spices, 1 00,	51 00
5 stoves and funnel, 18 00; onions, 75 cents,	18 75
100 lbs dried apples, 10 00,	10 00
20 gallons molasses, 8 00; 30 lbs butter, 6 00,	14 00
65 lbs lard, 7 80; 1 gallon oil, 88,	8 68
40 lbs sugar, 4 00; 30 lbs tea, 22 50,	26 50
8 lbs cheese, 80; 8 lbs raisins, 1 20,	2 00
20 bushel roots, 8 00; scythes and snaithes, 2 50,	10 50
Crockery and tin ware, 15 00,	15 00
Auger and steel-yards, 1 50; coal, 2 75,	4 25
Hard and soft soap, 6 00; candles, 3 60,	9 60
36 yards cotton cloth, 5 04; yarn, 1 00,	6 04
37 yards prints, 5 18; green hide, 4 62,	9 80
Wheelbarrow, 3 50; grindstone, 3 00,	6 50
Amount of stock on hand, Feb. 3, 1862,	$1,141 07

CREDIT TO ALMS-HOUSE, BY STOCK SOLD, &c., FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 3, 1862.

To Bourne & Nickerson, cow,	$28 00	
" " calf, 4 20; turnips, 1 03,	5 23	
James Pratt, cow,	25 00	
John Pratt, pigs,	6 50	
Samuel Nichols, pigs,	2 00	
J. George, "	2 00	
G. James, "	2 50	
A. Tilden, "	3 50	
T. M. Smith, hay,	30 47	
A. Lock, calf,	10 00	
J. O. Lawrence, eggs,	5 71	
J. W. Fish, "	1 95	
James Pratt, teaming,	3 00	
Amount of sales,		$125 86
Total amount of credit,		$1,266 93
Total amount of Dr. brought forward,	$2,391 05	
" Cr.,	1,266 93	
		$1,124 12
Town of Scituate, 206 weeks' board, at $1 94, 86-579,	$399 95	
" Hull, 4 4-7 weeks, " "	8 88	
" Cohasset, 368 3-7 weeks' board,	$715 29	
		$1,124 22
Cohasset, 368 3-7 weeks, at 1 94, 86-579,	$715 29	
Deduct rent of farm,	200 00	
	$515 29	
Charles Pratt, services as overseer, $10 00		
C. F. Nichols, " " 10 00	$36 00	
Lot Bates, " " 16 00		
	$551 29	
Cost to Cohasset, for each pauper, per week, 1 49+		

EXPENDITURES FOR THE SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF THE ALMS-HOUSE.

For board and clothing of David Willcutt, at the State Lunatic Hospital,		
Amount due Dec. 1, 1860,	170 78	
" June 1, 1861,	80 53	328 20
" Dec. 1, "	76 89	
For board and clothing of J. J. Lothrop, Jr., at S. L. H., from June 1, 1860, to Dec. 1, 1861,		234 87
J. E. Bates, from Nov. 9, '60, to Dec. 1, '61,		943
Isaiah Lincoln, for board of Mrs. N. Pratt, from Jan. 30, 1861, to Jan. 24, 1862,	$205 14	208 76
For Liquors,	3 62	
Lucy Merritt, for 4 weeks' board of N. Pratt, 1860,		12 00
James Beal, moving Mrs. N. Pratt and furniture, from J. Lincoln's to Mrs. Hardwick's,		4 50
C. F. Nichols, store goods for P. Mulvey,		63 57
Bourne & Nickerson, provisions "		11 89

M. B. Stetson & Co., flour and wood, for P. Mulvey,			9 50
C. Merriam, meal,	"		
C. H. Willard, coal,	"		15 75
Dr. F. Foster, bill,	"		16 75
" "	Mrs. N. Pratt,		30 00
" "	W. F. Thayer's family,		15 50
Dr. Thomas' "	N. Pratt,		1 00
George Pratt, medicine "			1 09
T. M. Smith, liquors for	P. Mulvey,	$10 40	
" "	N. Pratt,	6 55	$18 20
" "	Alms-House,	1 25	
C. F. Nichols, supplies to	David Vinal,		15 00
" "	Mrs. Lambert,		7 05
" "	Mary M. Prouty and children, of Hingham,		38 57
" "	Josiah Mann, of Scituate,		5 21
C. H. Willard, coal,	M. M. Prouty and children, of Hingham,		5 06
City of Boston, supplies to	S. P. Joy, 1859, '60, and '61,		36 63
Howard Pratt, "	Henry Morris,		11 02
Nautical Branch of the State Reform School, for the maintenance of S. J. Hayden,			7 52
L. N. Bates, medicine for	P. Mulvey,		5 17
" "	N. Pratt,		1 05
Total expenditures,			$1,114 89

CREDIT TO OUTSIDE EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 16, 1862.

By amount paid Town Treasurer, by J. Willcutt, guardian of David Willcutt,	$146 64
By amount of supplies furnished Mary M. Prouty and children of Hingham,	43 63
By amount of Dr. Foster's bill, W. F. Thayer's family, of Weymouth,	15 50
By amount supplies to Josiah Mann, of Scituate,	5 21
By amount of bill of expenses of J. J. Lothrop, Jr., at the State Lunatic Hospital, paid by John J. Lothrop, to Town Treasurer,	234 87
Amount of reimbursements,	$445 85

REPAIRS ON ALMS-HOUSE.

Isaac Kent's bill, labor and materials,	$12 07
John Barnes " on well	5 00
Johonnot & Co., pump,	1 12
John Pratt, whitewashing,	5 00
Total for repairs,	$23 19

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

James Beal, for conveying E. B. Gilbert to Somerville,	$12 00
" for John Hill to Bridgewater,	6 00
" furrowing land, P. Mulvey,	1 25
Thomas Smith, ploughing land, P. Mulvey,	10 00
N. Thayer, manure, "	7 50
Caleb Beal, for returning J. Wheelwright to Alms-house,	2 00
Wm. Merritt, " " "	1 50
N. B. Tower, printing blanks for Overseers,	1 50
	$4175

Amount received from town of Scituate for extra expense of James Collier, at Alms-house. - - $15 00

BILLS OUTSTANDING,

Due the Alms-House, for sales during the year ending Feb. 3, 1862.

Charles Barnes, for half ton of hay, - - - - $10 00

CHARLES PRATT,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
LOT BATES,
} *Overseers of the Poor.*

DOG ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To paid	H. O. Wheelwright for damage to sheep	$ 5 00	
"	Rufus Bates, Jr., notifying, &c.	5 00	
"	S. P. Gove for killing dogs and notifying	2 50	
"	Town Clerk's fees on 57 licences at 10c	5 70	
"	Balance in Treasury	43 50	
			$56 70

Cr.

By	balance from former account	4 70	
"	Cash of Town Clerk for 57 licences, 1861	57 00	
			$61 70

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

Dr.	Cash 36.42, Liquor $11,00 from former agent	$ 47 42	
"	Amount of sales,	207 45	
			$254 87
Cr.	Cash paid for Liquors	$184 87	
"	Salary	20 00	
"	Cash and liquors on hand	50 00	
			$254 87

COHASSET, FEB. 1, 1862. T. M. SMITH, *Agent.*

The Town of Cohasset in account with

The Committee for clothing and equipping volunteers agreeably to vote of the Town, passed May 1, 1861.

Dr.

1861, April 27,	paid J. P. Lovell, bill of pistols	$60 00		
" "	J. P. Lovell, bill of pistols	50 00		
" "	J. P. Lovell "	16 00		
" "	Haughton & Sawyer, blankets	12 00		
" "	Bent & Bush, sword and belt	22 00		
May 2 "	Haughton & Sawyer, blankets	2 75		
" 4 "	Houghton & Sawyer, blankets	22 50		
" 13 "	J. P. Lovell, pistols	12 50		
" 13 "	Hancock House, rent of room and board	76 00		
" 13 "	Bourn & Nickerson, bill of beef	4 33		
" 21 "	M. B. Stetson, bill of outfits	16 68		
June 21 "	Do. for cash advances and outfits	90 95		
	Do. outfits	37 30		
" 25 "	Peekham & Carner, meals for recruits	34 25		
	Hancock House for room	12 00		
	J. P. Lovell, bill for pistol and dirk	13 50		
				$482 76
Paid W. F. Thayer's family 3 months pay		$45 00		
" O. E. Simpson's " 3 "		45 00		
" J. F. Doane " 3 "		30 00		
" W. L. Smith 2 "		20 00		
" J. F. Crane 2 "		20 00		
				$160 00
				$642 76
Cr. Nicholas Tower, Jr., for subscription		$100 00		
Cash of Town Treasurer - -		542 76		
				$642 76

JOHN WILSON, JR.,
ISAAC HALL,
LEVI N. BATES,
A. H. TOWER,
M. B. STETSON,
Z. L. BEAL,
HOWARD PRATT,
} *Committee.*

Dr. Town of Cohasset in account with A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer. Cr

1861--62.	To paid amount of Selectmen's orders, Nos. 1 to 262....	$6,958 80	1861--62.	By balance from former account.....	$1,136 41
	" School appropriation for teaching.....	1,956 00		" Cash of Town of Scituate for support of Poor, 1860-61	265 49
	" Firemens' order, (abatement Poll tax).....	49 50		" Town of Hull " " " "	174 79
	" Abatement of Taxes per Assessors' orders.....	419 45		" James Willcutt, guardian of David Willcutt.....	146 64
	" State Tax, 1861	360 00		" John J. Lothrop, for expenses paid on account of his son's board, &c.....	234 87
	" County Tax "	1,178 44		" F. L. Bates, for deed of Old School House and land (Beechwoods).....	150 00
	" Discount on Taxes collected previous to Oct. 2..	461 43		" Estate H. J. Turner, dividend on his note due Town	95 47
	" J. B. Bates, note for hired money, 1860.....	1,000 00		" Sale of grass, Strait's Pond Flats.....	94 00
	" Charles Pratt, note due Mar. 15, 1861.....	1,000 00		" State Treasurer, amount School fund, 1861.....	73 1
	" Warren Bates, note on demand.....	150 00		" Cohasset Sav. Bank, interest Ripley Fund, 1861.....	70 00
	" Levi Pratt, " in part.....	50 00		" Town Treas. for unexpended School money, 1860--61.	5 31
	" Notes for hired money, 1861.....	2,800 00		" Town Clerk for dog licenses, less fees.....	51 30
	" Interest on Town's notes and hired money.....	1,025 10		" James Beal for rent Town Hall.....	23 00
	" Balance in Treasury.....	1,013 87		" Caleb Nichols for auctioneer license, 1860 and 1861..	4 00
				" Norfolk County for its proportion of cost of new road, Beechwoods street.....	713 52
				" J. Wilson, Jr., $2.00, and M. Knight, 1.00, due almshouse, 1859.....	3 00
				" Warren Bates 2d, due almshouse, 1860.....	30 06
				" C. F. Nichols, for sales at almshouse, 1861.....	78 97
				" Bourne, Nickerson & Co., sundries at almshouse, 1861	33 23
				" J. O. Lawrence, eggs " "	5 71
				" J. W. Fish " " "	1 95
				" Galen James, pig " "	2 50
				" Amos Tilden, " " "	3 50
				" R. Whiton, pasturage " "	3 00
				" Town of Hull for support of poor, 1861--62.....	8 88
				" " Scituate " "	399 95
				" " " additional for care of J. Collier, 1861-62	15 00
				" " " for supplies to J. Mann, "	5 21
				" " " returning Mrs. Ellms to almshouse....	1 00
				" " " Hingham for supplies to Prouty family to July 1, 1861.....	18 52
				" Hired in anticipation of taxes.....	3,800 00
				" Amount of tax bill, 1861.....	10,773 60
		$18,422 59			$18,422 59

COHASSET, FEB. 15, 1862.

A. H. TOWER, JR., TREASURER.

ASSETS OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall and land	$9,000	
Engine and House	2,000	
Centre School House	1,000	
South " and land	2,000	
North " "	2,000	
Jerusalem " "	800	
Beechwoods " "	2,000	
Town Farm and Stock	2,500	
Straits Pond flats	900	
		$22,200
Ripley fund		$1,000
		$23,200

AGGREGATE OF POLLS, PROPERTY AND TAXES, &c., AS ASSESSED, MAY 1, 1861.

Number of Polls	485	
Value of Real Estate		700,004 00
" " Personal Estate		399,532 00
Tax for State, Town and County		10,773 60
Rate $9,00 on $1,000		
Number of Dwelling houses	405	
" Horses	131	
" Cows	229	
" Sheep	195	
" yoke of oxen	28	
" acres land	5,844 7-8	

TAX LIST FOR 1861.

Those persons whose names have a * affixed had not paid their taxes Jan. 2, 1862.

A.		
A. J. Arnold*	6	92
D. P. Arnold*	6	52
A. Anderson	4	88
M. Antone	8	25
A. G. Appleton	271	98
J. Ainslie	10	50
G. Anslie*	1	50
H. Ainslie	1	50
R. Ainslie*	1	50
G. S. Alexander	1	50
B.		
J. B. Bates	82	55
N. Bates	89	46
Z. Bates	7	13
M. N. Bates	12	64
Wm. Bates	44	27
Est. D. Bates	17	35
L. Bates	16	58
R. Bates, Jr	11	54
G. Bates	12	40
R. Bates	33	38
Lewis Bates	16	97
W. Bates	16	23
Silas Bates	21	02
Fanny Bates	30	03
A. Bates*	8	70
W. Bates 2d.	23	56
D. J. Bates	1	95
Lot Bates	30	67
S. P. Bates*	1	50
G. P. Bates	16	82
Mercy Bates	18	00
John Bates	119	40
L. N. Bates	45	57
H. Bates	11	37
Jas. B. Bates*	6	00
J. J. Bates	1	50
Maria L. Bates	20	88
Edwin Bates	1	50
H. Bates Jr.*	1	50
F. L. Bates	37	74
G. W. Bates	1	50
Wid. Sarah Bates	13	68
T. A. Bates	1	50
Thomas Bates	47	55
Lorenzo Bates*	1	50
Wid. Martha Bates	9	31
Samuel Bates	6	00
J. W. Bates	71	91
E. Bates	14	34
N. Bates Jr.	1	50
P. Bates	1	50
L. W. Bates	11	16
T. Bates 2d	10	91
A. J. Bates	4	43
J. Battles	3	75
M. K. Bailey	11	28
Wid. R. Bailey	28	58
A. Baker	18	02
E. N. Barker	1	50
J. Barnes*	7	44
O. V. Barnes*	4	38
A. V. Barnes	6	90
B. Barnes*	11	15
Hannah Barnes	14	00
C. Barnes*	2	67
A. F. Barnes*	1	50
Seth Beal*	13	94
E. Battles	1	50
H. W. Beal	1	50
G. Beal	14	50
J. S. Beal*	1	50
Wm. Beal	6	62
C. Beal	19	02
G. Beal, Jr.	20	27
David Beal	43	19
W. H. Beal	1	50
Z. L. Beal	29	60
S. J. Beal	9	96
J. B. Beal	1	50
C. Beal, Jr	11	45

Z. L. Beal	1	50	H. Collier	23	06
O. A. Beal	1	50	C. Collier	12	75
O. R. Beal	8	25	A. Cushing*	29	18
Sam. Beal*	1	50	J. Collier	71	70
Stowers Beal	11	54	G. W. Collier*	46	50
G. W. Beal	1	50	D. C. Chamberlain*	10	28
T. Beal	13	90	C. E. Cole	7	80
Est. D. Beal 2d	5	10	W. Conilard	6	00
Welcome Beal	20	40	J. Crosby	1	50
J. W. Beal*	1	50	D.		
Jas. Beal	12	03	H. Doane, Jr.	21	30
Myra Bennett	9	17	J. C. Doane	43	45
R. Brown	15	79	S. L. Damon*	1	50
E. Brown 2d	9	83	Wid. M. A. Doyle	2	75
M. Brown	9	49	M. M. Damon	1	50
Eliza Bourne	10	31	Wid. H. Delano	12	69
E. Bourne	4	79	H. J. Damon	7	17
C. P. Bourne	11	81	D. S. G. Doane	3	12
Bourne & Nickerson	4	55	J. H. Densmore	3	75
Sam. Brown	16	90	F. L. Damon	2	86
T. J. Brown	16	75	J. W. Davis	3	75
F. Brown	1	50	R. Delano	1	50
T. W. Brown	11	21	W. F. Davis*	3	30
P. G. Brown	1	50	J. F. Doane	1	50
Ezra Brown	6	25	E.		
W. Brown*	18	15	J. Ennice	10	95
G. Briggs	1	50	W. Endicott	19	50
Lincoln Bates	1	50	E. Estes	1	50
J. Briggs	1	50	F.		
H. Bruce*	1	50	L. Farrow	10	50
M. Brennock	6	90	G. E. Fisher	6	45
J. Bullard*	4	50	T. R. Farrow	1	50
R. T. Burbank	5	10	J. Francis	6	00
J. Breen*	2	22	J. W. Fish*	1	91
J. Burnham	13	90	G. A. Fish*	1	50
T. L. Burbank	5	73	F. Foster	26	39
J. Burbank	82	25	P. E. Falcon	1	50
J. Burbank, Jr	33	88	R. Fish	7	80
A. H. Burdick	1	50	J. Fenno*	1	50
C. B. Burbank	30	30	Est. T. Farrow	3	40
W. Burdick	4	20	J. Fenno Jr*	1	50
L. Burbank	27	67	Est. L. Fox	7	65
C			P. Fox	2	40
L. L. Creed	1	50	D. Freeman	24	41
J. Cushing	53	91	G. W. Fuller	3	53
G. W. Cousins*	1	50	J. A. Farrar	1	50
Est. J. Collier	26	46	S. D. Farrar	6	11
G. W. Cousins, Jr.	1	50	Wid. R. T. Flint	9	45
W. V. Creed	10	66	E. Fish*	1	50
E. Conilard	5	10	G.		
J. Creed	5	46	S. P. Gove	19	10
J. H. Cook*	1	50	S. L. Groce*	1	50
J. N. Cook*	14	19	S. S. Gove	18	83
M. G. Chaddock	2	85	C. W. Gammons	10	95
Clark Cutting	34	47	C. A. Groce	1	50
F. Crane*	1	50	M. G. Groce	11	90

M. G. Groce Jr*	1 50
A. George	8 03
W. S. Gammons	1 50
W. Gibbs*	1 50
L. W. Groce	1 50
E. B. Gilbert	13 51
H.	
S. Hardwick	2 31
Est. G. Hall	24 37
J. Holland	1 50
A. Hall	38 36
D. Hill, Jr.*	1 50
S. Hall	15 66
H. K. Hall	28 55
J. L. Hall*	1 50
D. Hudson	11 00
M. A. Humphrey	1 50
T. Hudson	27 80
W. F. Harris	2 94
Est. M. Humphrey	4 28
F. Hazelbury*	1 50
H. Hancock	14 75
Jas. Homer	1 50
J. Howard	10 50
J. M. Hobbs*	2 13
G. H. Hobbs*	1 50
B. F. Hutchinson	18 27
H. W. Harris	1 50
A. W. Hayden	8 36
J. G. Hayden	1 50
J. W. Hayden	4 97
J. Hunt	19 50
H. Henry	1 50
D. Hudson, Jr	8 25
J. Hall*	1 50
I. Hall	23 10
Jas. Hall	13 20
J.	
S. B. Jenkins	1 50
Wid. R. James	1 28
J. Jacent	11 85
E. James	60 52
J. R. James	17 26
S. G. James	5 50
Wid. P. James	4 24
G. James	8 70
Heirs J. James	6 53
L. Jenkins	18 59
S. L. Jenkins	38 67
W. B. Johnson*	92 48
E. Joy	14 43
B. Joy	61 46
K.	
Cyrus R. Keene	1 50
Est. A. Kent	15 90
C. H. Kilburn*	1 50
C. Kent	5 90
T. Kane*	1 50
I. Kent	15 54
P. C. Kimball	30 90
J. C. Koop	6 05
E. Kinsley*	5 69
Est. W. Kilburn, Jr	12 60
Wid. A. Kilburn	24 04
L.	
J. Q. A. Lothrop	1 50
Est. G. A. Lawrence	19 44
G. W. Lawrence	1 50
H. O. Larry*	9 15
L. N. Lincoln	1 50
Est. T. Lawrence	9 90
H. Litchfield*	1 50
J. Lincoln	8 25
J. O. Lawrence	94 52
D. B. Lincoln*	1 50
Martin Lincoln	50 62
Est. Jerome Lincoln	27 84
D. W. Lincoln	1 50
Wm. Lincoln	37 33
D. Lincoln	1 50
Wm. Lincoln Jr	22 38
David B. Lincoln	1 50
J. Lincoln	23 91
E. Lincoln Jr.	1 50
J. J. Lincoln	17 68
Mordecai Lincoln	21 05
Levi Lincoln	10 81
A. & J. Lincoln	14 63
Est. C. Lincoln	21 22
J. W. Litchfield*	1 50
T. Lincoln	33 60
C. Lincoln	1 50
J. M. Lincoln*	25 80
G. Lothrop	1 50
Mary Lincoln	10 62
M. J. Lincoln*	1 50
Wid. S. Lincoln	14 64
R. W. Lothrop	1 50
Elisha Lincoln	13 51
Moses Lincoln	20 30
T. Lincoln, Jr	1 50
Eph. Lincoln	24 09
J. D. Lincoln	1 50
Rachel Lincoln	9 04
Lewis Lincoln	20 79
Wid. B. Lincoln	1 13
Est. E. Lincoln	4 19
Cornelius Lincoln	37 04
C. H. Lothrop	1 50
Isaiah Lincoln	8 25
Lyman Lawrence	1 50
F. L. Litchfield	16 08

C. H. Litchfield*	6 72
W. Locke*	1 50
A. S. Litchfield*	12 98
C. Litchfield*	10 16
F. Litchfield*	7 80
D. T. Lothrop	99 95
I. H. Lambert	6 23
J. J. Lothrop	39 27
C. Lothrop	94 67
Wid. M. Luce	3 60
A. B. Litchfield*	2 18
A. Lawrence	6 23
S. W. Luce	10 05
F. M. Lincoln	18 91
A. C. Locke*	15 45
M.	
T. Morey*	1 50
M. Mulvey*	9 08
C. Merriam	15 90
P. Mulvey	3 30
H. Morris*	1 60
A. J. Marble	25 35
W. H. Morse	1 50
W. Morris	4 65
P. Minot*	2 22
W. Mayo	11 52
E. N. Marshall	1 50
J. Morse	29 49
B. T. Morse*	1 50
A. Morse	8 52
J. H. Morgan	8 70
J. Manuel	10 77
J. H. Morris	465
N.	
L. L. Nichols	2 52
L. Nichols	19 69
C. J. Nichols	6 00
Est. J. Nichols 2d	3 37
M. N. Nichols	1 50
W. Nichols	23 70
G. K. Nickerson	1 50
Est. J. Nichols	5 85
W. J. Newcomb*	1 50
Est. N. Nichols	13 95
Maria C. Nichols*	2 70
J. W. Nichols	6 87
D. S. Nott*	2 85
Allen Nichols*	30 12
A. Nichols	28 68
Est. of Joel Nichols	10 44
Elias Nichols	28 16
David Nichols	44 22
G. L. Nickerson	19 14
S. Nichols	14 51
Est. C. Nichols*	10 53
C. F. Nichols	25 36
H. Nichols*	66 12
C. Nichols	66 28
P. P. Nichols*	1 50
F. M. Nichols	1 50
O.	
L. Oakes Jr	1 50
J. Osgood	18 21
E. F. Olmstead	1 50
L. Oakes	71 07
J. O'Brien*	1 50
J. Oakes,	47 79
W. Orcutt,	9 60
Est. R. Oakes,	20 03
J. Orcutt,*	1 50
P.	
J. Parker,	39 73
J. L. Pratt,	8 21
J. P. T. Percival,	51 39
W. Parker,	188 93
W. L. Pratt,	3 75
C. Pratt,	66 23
Est. H. Pratt.	39 38
Adeline Pratt,	3 60
H. T. Pratt,	1 50
Hannah H. Pratt,	3 60
A. Pratt 2d.*	1 50
Est. P. Pratt,	59 25
S. Pratt,*	1 50
Est. E. Pratt,	16 53
D. W. Pratt,	10 28
A. L. Palmer,*	1 50
Levi Pratt,	24 26
M. & J. Pratt, Trustees,*	3 29
J. Q. A. Peakes,*	1 50
John Pratt,	16 79
James Pettee,	1 95
James Pratt,	68 74
Lydia Pratt,	9 45
Minot Pratt,*	25 76
S. Percival,	1 50
J. Pratt 2d.	26 94
J. B. Pratt,	1 50
Marshall Pratt,*	19 40
Asa Pratt,	1 50
G. Pratt,*	9 45
H. Powers,*	1 50
I. S. Pratt,	23 55
Widow Z. Pratt,	21 83
Aaron Pratt,	27 53
Est. N. Pratt,	9 54
H. F. Pratt,	1 50
Elijah Pratt,	10 10
G. O. Parker,	1 50
Howard Pratt,	42 14
Wm. Pratt,	23 55
F. L. Pratt,	42 00

Benjamin Pratt,	26 65
C. W. Pratt,*	6 41
Job Pratt,	41 01
Widow M. Pratt,	1 24
M. Pratt,	9 69
Isaac Pratt,	8 70
T. J. Priest,	6 05
I. Phinney,*	6 00
J. Phinney,	7 43
A. T. P. Prouty,	10 73
J. Paul,	6 45
G. Poole,	13 20
Gustavus Pratt,*	25 08
R.	
F. A. Reed,	11 37
J. Root,*	9 90
R. H. Reed,	1 50
Est. G. Ripley,	162 74
Peter Ripley,	1 50
C. L. Rich,	7 35
W. E. Ray,	1 50
Z. Rich,	19 05
G. E. Richardson,*	1 50
J. W. Richardson,*	13 74
A. S. Richardson,	1 50
N. W. Richards,	14 40
S.	
J. Stoddard,	31 14
E. Sweeney,*	1 50
W. H. Stoddard,	12 75
E. Souther,	1 50
Hannah Stoddard,	15 95
D. Sullivan,	1 50
Est. T. Stoddard,	8 10
W. W. Studley,	1 50
Z. Stoddard,	16 85
E. Stetson,	10 50
B. Stoddard,	14 10
A. J. Souther,	4 88
J. M. Stoddard,	3 30
H. P. Snow,	1 50
E. Snow,	70 03
Est. H. Snow,	15 98
John St. John,*	3 30
H. Snow,	26 73
Est. D. Studley,	12 07
H. L. Studley,	13 13
C. A. Studley,	7 44
A. L. Souther,*	1 50
D. S. Sutton,	29 90
J. C. Stoddard,*	1 50
E. Q. Sewall,	26 07
Myra L. Souther,*	3 15
S. P. Stoddard,	1 50
W. Simpson,*	10 50
O. E. Simpson,	1 50
S. Stockbridge,	19 05
M. Sylva,	9 74
T. J. Sheridan,	5 56
M. Sylva 2d.	9 60
F. Sylva,*	2 40
Est. L. Souther,	65 72
T. Smith,	71 31
T. M. Smith,	20 81
R. Sweet,*	2 97
J. H. Smith,	181 73
J. Souther,	22 83
M. B. Stetson,	46 53
W. D. Sohier,	458 40
W. T. Stewart,	9 67
Abigail Stephenson,	90
G. S. Smith,	15 60
J. Sylva,*	1 50
A. Sylva,	1 50
T.	
A. H. Tower, Jr.	15 00
W. B. Taylor,*	3 30
J. J. Tower,	1 50
Est. D. Tower,	3 24
T. Tower,	1 50
T. N. Tower,	26 74
D. Tower,	20 40
L. C. Tower,	1 50
E. Tower,	16 17
N. Tower, Jr.	10 50
J. Tower, Jr.	4 65
N. B. Tower,	1 50
A. H. Tower,	288 45
E. W. Tilden,*	1 50
F. Tower,	46 28
J. Thompson,	2 63
A. H. Tower, Jr. Trustee,	20 88
A. R. Treat,*	1 50
Jesse Tower,*	5 06
A. R. Treat, Jr.	1 50
C. Tyrer,	1 95
N. W. Treat,	1 50
N. Tower,	145 54
John Treat,	1 50
Marcia D. Tower,	4
J. M. Towle,	1
Jeremy Towle,	14 06
Ezra Towle 2d.	9 60
B. S. Thompson,*	1 50
Ezra Towle,	13 26
Wm. Taylor,	1 50
Widow Mary Turner,	22 43
A. Tilden,	10 73
C. F. Tilden,	9 83
W. A. W. Tilden,	17 40
W. F. Thayer,*	14 50
V.	
Wm. Veale,	10 86
Wm. Veale Jr.	3 4

David Vinal,*	3 30
L. S. Vinal,	24 22
W.	
Jas. Wilson,	14 50
Est. E. Wallis,	19 20
J. A. Wilson,*	1 50
A. Whittington,	48 11
Prudence Ward,	30 10
G. Weelwright,	16 06
D. L. Wood,	4 20
J. P. Weelwright,*	7 50
H. U. Wood,	1 50
L. L. Wheelwright,	11 84
A. F. Wood,*	1 50
R. Wells,	9 60
W. O. Wood,	1 50
Est. W. P. Whittier,*	1 80
C. Whittier,*	1 50
T. Williams,*	5 55
Joseph Willcutt,	1 50
D. W. Whitcomb,	28 65
L. Willcutt 2d.	1 50
T. Whitcomb,	18 29
A. W. Williams,	1 50
T. C. Whitcomb,*	4 42
G. W. Wilson,	1 50
Est. J. Williams,	11 70
M. V. Wallis,	2 18
John Wilson,	8 93
John Wilson, Jr.	32 75
J. A. Wilkins,	24 90
Myra B. Willcutt,	43 34
W. Willcutt,	24 32
Lot Willcutt,	24 95
Lewis Wilcut,	38 12
John Willcutt,	6 00
T. Willcutt,	19 15
T. Willcutt, Jr.	15 95
Jas. Willcutt,	22 69
Mary C. Wood,	1 13
C. H. Wood,	12 00
L. L. Worrick,	57 66
L. L. Worrick, Jr	11 90
P. B. Worrick,	58 34
C. H. Willard,	17 25
Aaron Wheeler,	1 50
John Mc Govern,*	1 50

NON-RESIDENT TAX LIST FOR 1861.

B.	
Henry Bryant,	61 95
W. Bailey,	3 29
E. Blanchard,	1 80
R. T. Brown,	5 41
H. W. Blanchard,	1 42
Heirs L. Barnes,	53
Henry Barnes,*	1 49
Est. C. Barnes,	7 61
Isaac Barnes,	3 15
Est. R. Bailey,	49
Est. H. Bailey,*	1 75
Elijah Beal,	2 02
Est. M. Bates,	82 46
T. Burr,	1 35
W. Brown,	15 37
J. Beal,	9 98
J. S. Beal,	68
S. Burr,	1 45
J. Burr,	5 28
M. H. Burr,	84
S. L. Burr,	4 44
Est. J. Burr,	1 53
S Brown,	6 98
T. H. Beal,*	49
E. Burr	2 70
L. Burr,	2 70
J. Baker & Son,	1 22
J. L. Baker	25 09
Est. Rachel Bates,	2 91
J. F. Bailey,	1 91
D. Beal,	6 16
J. W. Bates,	4 00
D. Bradford,	19 40
C.	
A. Cummins,	12 60
W. C. Codman,	28 35
P. H. Cushing,*	18
Levi Corthell,	1 44
C. Cunningham,	24 19
F. Clapp,	24 74
J. Codman,	18 87
H. M. Edmund,*	49
F.	
A. Fearing,	4 32
C. Fearing,	1 75
A. A. Frazur,	9 56
D. B. Francis,	1 69
G.	
F. Gannet,	1 30
L. Gilson,*	2 17
Est. C. Grant,	16 24
J. Groce,	1 35
Est. C. Gardner,	2 19
S. B. Goodwin,	7 39
T. Gordon,	26 55
H.	
H. Hersey,	8 42

W. Howard,	1 16
Est. C. Howard,	1 51
J. P. Hobart,*	1 42
C. Homer,	9 10
N. Holbrook,	49
Wid M. C. Higgins,*	1 14
J.	
D. F. Jacobs,	1 76
J. Jacobs,*	09
A. J. Johnson,	11 83
P. H. Jacobs,	1 14
Benj. Jones,	1 39
M. Jones,	1 35
K.	
Nancy Kilburn,	4 72
E. King,	49
L.	
J. Lincoln,*	3 95
Lydia Lincoln,	1 85
Est. S. Lincoln,	3 10
Est A. Lincoln,	2 38
Solomon Lincoln,	1 75
Gorham Lincoln,*	5 74
Est. J. Lincoln,	1 57
C. Lincoln,	1 49
C. B. Locks,*	3 88
A. Lincoln,	1 86
J. Leavitt,	6 87
M. Leavitt,	6 51
L. Leavitt,	2 25
H. Loud,*	2 70
E. Leavitt,	4 13
J. W. Loud,	49
L. Lothrop,*	2 19
J. H. Loud,	17 12
T. Litchfield,	9 00
J. B. Litchfield,	1 69
A. S. Loud,	11 10
L. Lincoln 2d.*	2 02
C. L. Lothrop,*	5 36
A. L. Leavitt,	3 11
Heirs P. Lothrop,*	44
J. Loud, Jr.*	2 40
J. Loring,	96
M.	
Lincoln Mills,	6 64
C. B. Marsh,	4 66
J. Mott,	1 06
N.	
Est. J. Nichols,	6 68
John Nye.	2 38
C. Nichols,	5 59
Est. E. B. Nichols,	1 13
P.	
T. Pratt,	6 01
S. Phinney,	2 61
C. T. Pratt, and Bethiah T. Frost,	2 87
T. B. Porter,*	97
W. Pierce,	49
Lucy Pratt,*	2 54
U. Penny,	1 50
Widow M. R. Pratt,	13 88
Thos. Pratt,*	3 77
E. D. Peters,	33 24
R.	
E. Ripley,	1 17
J. Ripley,	1 74
T. Richardson,*	131 82
S.	
S. Sherman,*	4 85
T. Smith,*	1 94
E. Sprague,	1 89
Est. J. Stephenson,	1 80
Heirs M. F. Sumner,	3 78
D. B. Stetson,	97
T. Stetson,*	49
J. Sloan,*	34
E. Stephenson,*	5 47
W. Sohier	16 10
P. Sprague,	2 80
S. S. R. R. Co.	50 40
N. Stoddard,	14 02
A. W. Smith,*	18
T.	
Est C. L. Tower,	7 13
W. B. Tower,*	48
N. Q. Thaxter,	5 53
Est. T. Thaxter,	2 62
Est. J. Thaxter,*	3 88
R. Thomas,	1 87
Est. B. Tower,*	23
R. Trowbridge,	1 49
L. Tower,	24 39
S. B. Tolman,	97
W	
Est. M. Wallis,	8 12
P. L. Wilcutt,	2 07
J. Willcutt,	45
Est. E. Whiton,	2 43
L. Will cutt,	27 17
R. Whiton,	14 85
C. White,*	49
A. Williams,	3 33
J. Waters,	3 74
D. Wilson,	11 16
A. C. Weelwright,	7 18
J. Willcutt, Jr.	45
Widow S. Weelwright,	179 81
" C. Weelwright.	81 09
Y.	
Wm. Young,*	9 00

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET, FOR 1861-62.

The Report of the School Committee is now expected by the Town as a matter of course; not to be read in Town Meeting only, and then forgotten, but to be put into every family in the Town, there to be read, preserved, and, perhaps, compared with other Reports. The Committee, therefore, hesitate to represent the schools as having been in a better condition this year than ever before, remembering their previous favorable Reports, for they fear that if progress is reported every year, that progress must be thought to be exceedingly small, or our schools may soon be supposed to have attained an excellence beyond which nothing further is to be desired.

There has, without doubt, been great and marked progress in our schools within a few years. Yet it is not easy to assign its due proportion of the improvement to any particular year. Sometimes one school is flourishing, then declines, and another, which had been in an unsatisfactory state, rises into excellence.

But the Committee believe that the general condition of the schools this year has been, at least, equal to that of any preceding year. There has been no serious difficulty or insubordination in any of the schools. It has not been necessary to expel any pupil for misconduct, or to dismiss any teacher for incompetence. There never has been a year when there has been so little change of teachers, all having continued through the year in charge of the schools with which they commenced, with the exception of the assistant teacher of the High School; who, although deeply interested in her work, and successful as a teacher, was obliged by continued ill health to relinquish her position. Her place, however, was immediately supplied by one, who before had filled

the same office and shown herself an efficient and earnest teacher.

The following table represents the number of scholars and their average attendance in the different schools during the year:

	WHOLE NUMBER.		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	
	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.
Jerusalem School,	33	28	23	19
North Grammar School,	44	46	36	39
" Primary "	32	32	24	23
Centre Grammar "	55	52	40	41
" Primary "	44	20	20	12
South Grammar "	48	45	38	35
" Primary "	40	40	24	29
Beechwoods "	52	35	33	28
" Primary School,		18		12
High School,	90	103	62	77
In all the schools,	438	419	300	315
In all the schools last year,	453	435	319	313

By comparing together these results, it appears that 15 more scholars attended school summer before last than last summer, with an average attendance of 19 more; but while the whole number attending school last year during the winter was 16 more than this winter, the average attendance was 2 less. The whole number of children in Town between 5 and 15 years of age, May 1, 1861, was 379.

The Jerusalem School has been continued under the charge of Miss Lucy Lincoln. This School has appeared to be well governed when visited, and the children have seemed to be interested in the School and making good progress in learning. The improvement of the younger children in reading during the summer term was very manifest.

At the closing examination, the order and the general appearance of the School were good. Although there were no advanced scholars in the School, most of the children being young, yet there were evidences of satisfactory progress. The classes in reading, spelling, geography and grammar, did well for children of their age. The arithmetic classes did not appear as well as on previous examinations, nor as well as they ought to have done. But the writing was worthy of high commendation, and greater improvement in this important branch seemed to have been made than in any other school in Town. The writing of compositions has also been attended to more than in the other schools, and the specimens exhibited showed great improvement over previous specimens, in spelling, in grammatical construction, and in chirography.

It is very important that children should early learn to construct sentences correctly and to express their thoughts in writing. The writing of compositions should receive more attention than has ever been given to it in any of our schools.

The North Grammar School has been continued under the charge of Miss Martha J. Bates, and has been in a more satisfactory condition, than for some years past. Miss Bates has worked diligently, has been interested in her school, and has maintained good discipline, and advanced her pupils well in their studies. Reading has been carefully and successfully taught in the school. The classes in arithmetic, at the closing examination, showed the effects of patient and intelligent drilling. The grammar classes did unusually well. If there was any branch in which there was an apparent failure, it was the writing. Although the pupils had written a large number of books through, yet they had not taken the pains, nor made the progress, in this important art, that the pupils in most of the other schools have done. But, with this exception, the school was highly satisfactory, and has decidedly advanced in excellence during the year.

The North Primary School has been continued under the care of Miss Eliza H. Tower. This school has been in a good condition, and the attendance during the winter, has been much larger than usual. The teacher has secured good order, and at the same time, succeeded in awakening in the pupils a lively interest in the school. The exercises in the school, have been characterized by life and earnestness. The children made excellent progress in learning. They have been successfully trained to habits of distinct and clear articulation.

The Centre Grammar School, under the efficient instruction of Miss Abby N. Bates, has sustained the high character which it has held for many years, under her thorough and patient teaching. At the closing examination, all the classes appeared well. The reading was deliberate and careful, the spelling was severely tested, aud showed that the children had been diligently trained, and the arithmetic classes have not only made good progress, but showed also a familiar acquaintance with the principles of the science. The grammar classes appeared well, while the writing of the school was very creditable to both the teacher and the pupils. The Committee regard the school with great satisfaction.

The room in which the school is kept, has been repaired and improved during the year, and is now more convenient and pleasant than ever before. It is too small for the school, which is the largest Grammar School in the town, especially in the

winter, when the stove takes up part of the room; still it is better than ever before, and may be made to answer for the school some years longer, thus saving the town the expense of a new house.

Miss Elizabeth Orcutt, has continued to teach the Centre Primary School. This school has been in good order when visited. Many of the children have made good progress in learning to read and spell. There has been a great diminution in the numbers attending the school, especially during the winter term, for, while the whole number of scholars belonging to the school in the summer was 44, in the winter term, it has been but 20, with an average attendance of 12.

At the closing examination, the number of children present was small, and of these, a large proportion were either backward scholars, or those who were quite young. Two or three of the best scholars were absent. Of those present, some had made good progress in learning, during the year, and seemed to be quite interested in the school, while others who have been very irregular in their attendance, had made but little progress.

The South Gammar School has been continued under the charge of Miss Marcia P. Tower. The condition of this school has improved during the year, and, at the closing examination, the exercises showed that the children had been carefully and diligently taught. A number of pupils from this school have entered the High School, where they have been able to take a high rank, especially in arithmetic, which Miss Tower seems to have taught very thoroughly and successfully. Good improvement has been made in the various studies, particularly in reading, writing, and grammar. It takes some years' experience to enable one to conduct a school with the best success. Miss Tower is evidently becoming more efficient as a teacher, and her school is rising to a higher position.

The South Primary School, which had been for a number of years under the care of a very efficient teacher, was placed, at the commencement of the year, under the charge of Miss Myra L. Beal. Although the School was in a fine condition when Miss Beal took it, yet it was large, and it could not be expected that a new and inexperienced teacher would be able to keep it up to its previous high position. But Miss Beal has given herself earnestly to her work, and has been interested in the school, and resolved to succeed. Her methods of teaching and governing have been constantly improving; she interests her pupils, and bids fair to become a very efficient teacher. The School appeared well at the closing examina-

tion, and its prospect for the future, if continued under the same teacher, is very encouraging.

The Beechwoods School during its summer term, was taught by Miss Sarah L. Bates. The school was but little more than a primary school, only a few of the older scholars attending, as was the case the previous summer. No great advancement in learning could, therefore, be expected from so young pupils. But the improvement of the children in the elementary studies of reading and spelling, was very satisfactory; more so than for some years past, and the few children who were pursuing higher studies, seemed to have done well.

Miss Bates is also teaching the Primary department of the winter school. She has but few children under her care, and they are mostly quite young. But they seem to be making good progress in learning, considering their age, though a few of her older pupils, whose attendance at school has been irregular, are backward in their studies.

The Beechwoods Winter Grammar School, is under the charge of Mr. L. Webster Bates. As it is to continue about five weeks longer, it has not yet had its final examination. When it has been visited by the Committee, the order has been good and the children have seemed to be making good progress in their studies. As many of the older children do not attend school in the summer, they are less advanced than the average of the children in the town, of the same age. Yet many have shown a commendable interest in the school, and have improved in the various branches of study which they have pursued, especially in reading, and some children have given much attention to writing, in which they have made marked improvement. Some of the scholars also seem to be making good progress in arithmetic.

The High School has been taught by Mr. Henry Leonard, who, from his previous experience in teaching and thorough education, was fitted to instruct the school with success. His services have been very valuable, especially to the more advanced scholars. The school has been large, during the winter term, and contained so many pupils not sufficiently absorbed in learning, or sufficiently impressed with the importance of good order to be a law to themselves, that the exercise of more efficient discipline seemed to be necessary for its highest success. Mr. Leonard chose rather to appeal to the honor and sense of propriety of the scholars, when a more decided and strict government would have been better for the school.

The closing examination was continued through a whole day, and was more thorough and critical than any previous

examination. The classes in arithmetic and algebra did unusually well. They have gone over much ground, were able to solve most of the questions put to them, with facility, and exhibited a more than ordinarily familiar acquaintance with principles. The classes in Latin appeared to have been very correctly and thoroughly taught. A larger number of writing books were presented for examination than usual, and many specimens of careful and beautiful penmanship were shown.

The lower classes, also, seemed to have received a good degree of attention, and to have made progress in learning.

Upon the whole, the Committee have seldom witnessed a more satisfactory examination of the High School. It seems to be doing an excellent work, and so long as it continues to be as successful as it has been for a few years past, it will not only help those who attend it to gain a much better education than they would otherwise do, but it will also assist and elevate the other schools in town, furnishing them with more thoroughly instructed teachers, and giving to them a higher tone by its reflex influence.

Mr. Leonard retires from his position as teacher of the High School, having resigned his office to take effect at the close of the school year. His services have been valuable to the school; he has had the respect and esteem of the Committee, and they feel that it will be difficult to supply his place with one so well qualified to carry forward the scholars in the higher branches of learning.

Miss Mary R. Tower continued to act as assistant teacher in the High School, till the close of the fall term, when, on account of ill health, she was obliged to relinquish her position. She was deeply interested in the school, and her services were becoming more and more valuable, as her experience increased. The Committee regretted that she felt compelled to leave the school, and feared that it might be difficult to make her place good. But Miss Sophronia P. Oakes, who had previously been a very efficient assistant in the school which she had been obliged to leave on account of her health, felt sufficiently recovered and strong to resume her position, and has devoted herself to the school anew with great earn estness and success. While she is efficient as a disciplinarian, and a careful and diligent teacher, she succeeds in gaining the interest and sympathy of her pupils. Some of the classes under her instruction, especially those in reading, in English grammar, and in Latin lessons, showed the effect of careful training.

From the statement that has been given of the particular

schools, it will be rightly inferred that they have been successful. No school has been a failure. Yet much is still wanted to make the schools as efficient as they ought to be, and might be. With all the advantages which they afford, there are many children in the town, who fail to obtain a tolerably good education. This is, without doubt, in part, the fault of the teachers. But, much of the difficulty lies entirely beyond the teacher's influence and control.

One very serious obstacle to the success of our schools, is the irregular attendance of the children. This begins in the primary schools. Children of respectable natural parts, and capable of becoming good scholars are suffered to be frequently absent from school, while, at the same time, they receive no instruction at home. They are consequently a long time learning the very rudiments of reading and spelling. If at any time, they begin to be interested, and to make progress, they are permitted to be absent from school for a few days or weeks, when they lose all that they have gained, and both themselves and their teachers become discouraged. They perhaps begin to learn again, another absence puts them back, they fall behind their classes, and again lose their interest and their hope of progress. And thus they go on, from year to year, till they enter the grammar schools, not knowing how to read correctly the easiest reading. The grammar schools are large, their teachers are obliged to give a great portion of their time to teaching classes in arithmetic, geography and writing. They can really afford but little time for teaching what ought to have been learned in the primary schools. Consequently, those backward children fall more and more behind, the habit of irregular attendance clings to them, they become disheartened and ashamed, and lose all interest in learning and hope of success.

Children of ordinary natural ability, ought to be taught in the primary schools, or before they are eight years of age, to spell correctly common easy words; to read all simple and plain English that they can understand, and to be familiar with the fundamental rules in mental arithmetic. And this may be accomplished if they are regular in their attendance, and instructed by efficient teachers. The greater the progress they make in the primary schools, the higher will be the position which they will be able to take in the grammar schools, to be followed by a corresponding advancement in the High School.

But the evil of irregular attendance is perhaps greater in the High School, than in any other. It is very important that scholars who are pursuing the higher branches of study,

should never lose one lesson. An omitted lesson may contain some principle or statement on which subsequent positions depend, and the neglect of which, may make subsequent lessons, unintelligible or obscure. But it is a discouraging, and almost hopeless work to attempt to teach, in classes with others, scholars who are frequently absent. They soon lose their interest (if they ever succeed in becoming interested,) fail to make progress, and discourage and hinder those who are regular in their attendance. The absence of a scholar from school for a single day, tends, in a degree, to injure the whole school, diminishing the interest of the other scholars, impeding their progress, and discouraging their teacher. The High School has suffered very much from this cause the past year, and many scholars have been so irregular in their attendance, that while the school has done them little or no good, they have been a positive injury to the school. It is to be feared that their parents do not sufficiently appreciate the importance of this matter. They often complain that their children are not interested in school, and do not learn, when the fault is in themselves, in permitting their children to be frequently absent from school.

But in addition to this irregularity of attendance, another difficulty, even more serious, has occupied the attention of the Committee. There are a number of boys, who have no occupation, who have been habitually out of school. Their parents have had no efficient control over them, and when they have desired to have them attend school, have had no power to enforce their attendance. These boys have not only kept away from school themselves, but have enticed other boys to play truant, and by their presence in the streets, their idleness, and their often profane and corrupt language, have exerted a demoralizing influence on other children. There is no quicker way to ruin children, to teach them to become dissolute, profane, and dishonest, a burthen to themselves, and a curse to their parents and the community, than to permit them to roam the streets, or the fields in idleness, when they should be at work, or in school. The Committee would, therefore, urge the Town to take immediate measures to correct this evil.

Besides the regular attendance of children at school, it is very necessary for their progress in learning that they should receive some instruction, and be early accustomed to habits of reading at home. Indeed, home influence is full as important as school influence in forming their habits, and cultivating their minds. The school teachers have many children under

their care, and can give to them individually, but a few minutes a day. If children could have half an hour, or even fifteen minutes, daily instruction at home, especially, when they most need it, in learning to read, and if, as they grew older, suitable books were put into their hands, and they were accustomed to find pleasure in reading, their progress at school would be much more satisfactory. And there are few families in which a few minutes daily could not be given, by some member, to teaching the younger children, who most need some instruction.

Then a great deal may be effected for children, both morally and intellectually, by keeping them at home evenings, and accustoming them to find amusement there in reading, drawing, and other pleasant ways. In one of the schools there was a boy who seemed to be more interested in the exercises of the school, than the others, answered the questions put to him more promptly and intelligently, and was in advance of the others in scholarship. The whole mystery of this was solved, when the Committee were informed that the boy *was kept at home evenings*. If parents were only aware how injurious it is to their children, to spend their evenings habitually in the streets, how it tends to train them in profanity, idleness, and ill manners, and how difficult it makes it to form them to habits of reading and mental culture, they would be more careful how and where they spend their evenings.

With regard to the internal conduct of the schools, a few words may be appropriate, for, if parents do faithfully their part, good and efficient teaching will be necessary for any satisfactory result. The success of a school does not depend so much on the carefulness with which the text books are taught and learned, as on the real knowledge and mental discipline that the children acquire. The Committee, therefore, in their examinations, have kept this carefully in view, and have sought to discover how fully the children have been taught the principles of what they have studied, and how much real knowledge they have gained, rather than how far they have learned mere words and rules. A good teacher uses books only as instruments in the work of education, and can teach many things better without books than with them.

Then they are more and more convinced, that to teach successfully and with pleasure, one must be thoroughly in earnest, and must be able to awaken a hearty interest and sympathy in the minds of the children, otherwise, the work will be a task to both teacher and scholars. Everything, therefore, that tends to awaken the interest of the pupils in their studies and

in the school, to kindle their enthusiasm, to enlist their affections, and to quicken and animate them, is of high use. For this reason, singing, gymnastic exercises, familiar talk about interesting things, the recitation of pieces in prose or poetry, an occasional walk or excursion, and other things of this sort, may be made to add much to the interest and the success of a school, and to bring the hearts of teachers and scholars into close sympathy.

It is also highly important that children should have full confidence in the sincerity and truthfulness of their teachers. The Committee have not unfrequently heard children complain of their teachers promising or threatening, without ever performing. Such instances shock childrens' sense of truth and right, weaken their teachers' influence over them, destroy the authority of their commands, diminish their respect for them, and, at the same time, familiarize them with untruth. It is to be hoped that these hints will suggest to teachers the importance of this matter, and put them on their guard, never to threaten or promise what they are not prepared strictly to perform. Their whole intercourse with their pupils should be conscientious, sincere, and just. The moral culture of a child is of more importance than the intellectual, and no one is worthy to be a teacher who does not have a just appreciation of it.

There never was a time when the general education of the children of our country assumed a higher importance than it does at present. If the education of the children and people had been as much attended to in the Southern States, as in New England, it is not probable that the people could have been deceived and misled by politicians and demagogues as they have been, and drawn into the rebellion that is causing so much loss, suffering, and bloodshed to our country. The only basis on which our republican institutions can safely rest, is the virtue and intelligence of the people. The army and navy are deservedly in high honor at present, and are doing glorious service in defence of freedom and union. But our public schools lie back of them, preserve them from abuse, give them efficiency, and will ultimately prove a surer defence to republican institutions and good government, than ships or forts. An unenlightened people are a vast mob, liable to be swayed by passion, and made the instrument of some crafty usurper or tyrant. An enlightened people are alone capable of self government, amenable to reason, and able to preserve themselves from tyranny and from anarchy.

It is because education has been so generally diffused, and the masses of the people have become so enlightened, especially with respect to public affairs, that the action of our country, during the past year, has been such an enigma to European statesmen, and that they are constantly making false predictions, and forming erroneous judgments concerning us. As patriots, we need now, more than ever, to cherish our institutions of learning. and to seek to make our public schools, more and more efficient.

Although business has been deranged, and our pecuniary burthens may be heavier than usual, yet it would be hardly true wisdom or economy to diminish our appropriation for the schools. If the same amount is raised for their support as last year, the actual amount necessary to be assessed will be much smaller; since the town has been taxed large sums, for some years past, for building or repairing school houses, from the whole of which, it will be relieved the coming year.

The expenses of the Schools, for the year now closing, have been as follows :

Jerusalem District, for teaching,			$160 00	Fuel, &c.,	$26 50
North	"	"	260 00	"	45 62
Centre	"	"	260 00	"	42 20
South	"	"	260 00	"	30 38
Beechwoods	"	"	256 00	"	44 04
High School	"	"	760 00	"	78 75
Total amount for teaching,			$1,956 00		$267 49

The sum of these two amounts is $2,223 49, which will be the total cost of the schools for teaching, and for fuel, the care of rooms, and making fires, during the year.

To meet these expenses there have been the Town's appropriation, $2,100 00, the income of the Ripley Fund, $70.00, and the income of the State Literary Fund, $73.71, amounting in all to $2,243 71. Substracting from this the expense of the schools, we have an unexpended balance of $19.22. This may be accounted for from the fact of an extra dividend having been received from the Ripley Fund, which is deposited in the Savings Bank.

It should be stated, however, that bills for fuel, &c., on account of the previous year, and which were not presented to the Committee, nor included in their last Report, have been presented to the Treasurer for payment, to the amount of about $20.00. To offset this, about $30.00 are now due the Town from the Town of Hull, for teaching children in the Jerusalem School.

The amount actually charged to the account of the High School for fuel, &c., is $88.75, but $10.00 has been deducted from that sum, as usual, for warming the hall and Committee rooms for Town purposes, lectures, &c. The cost for fuel in the High School has always been a source of uneasiness to the Committee, and more especially so, from the fact that the larger school room is often insufficiently heated. The children have suffered from cold during the winter, and for two half days it has been necessary to suspend the school, because there was not draught enough in the chimney to make the fire burn. Your Committee think that the room might be warmed more comfortably and more economically by means of stoves in the room itself. They are of the opinion, also, that wood is a cheaper, more healthy, and a more convenient kind of fuel for our school rooms than coal. In school rooms a fire is needed that can be kindled quickly, and that can be easily regulated and managed by the teachers and scholars. But coal fires are long in kindling, warm a room slowly, are uncomfortable in moderate weather, and are suffered to burn often many hours after the heat ceases to be needed, thus wasting much fuel. The bills for fuel and care of fires have generally been larger in those districts where coal is used than in those where wood is the fuel.

To continue the schools for another year according to our present plan, with the same appropriations, there will be neeeded for teaching, $1,956 00, for fuel, &c., probably about $280 00, making in all, $2,236. To meet this expense we shall have income of Ripley Fund, $50, income of State Literary Fund, about $74, amounting in all to $124. Deducting this from $2,236, we have $2,112 as the additional sum needed for the support of the school the coming year. As there will be a small surplus remaining over from this year, $2100 will probably be sufficient to sustain the schools.

1. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the schools be continued next year according to the same system, and with the same appropriations, as this year, viz.:

Jerusalem District,	$160
North "	260
Centre "	260
South "	260
Beechwoods "	256
High School "	760

2. They recommend that $2100 be raised for the support of the schools in the Town for the next year, commencing March 3d.

3. They recommend that a committee be chosen by the Town, and empowered, to devise and carry out measures for warming the High School room more effectually, and if possible more economically.

4. They recommend that the Town make such by-laws as may be necessary, concerning habitual truants, children not attending school, and without any regular or lawful occupation, or growing up in ignorance, between the ages of five and sixteen years ; and appoint three or more persons, who alone shall be authorized, in case of violation of such by-laws, to make the complaint, and carry into execution the judgments thereon..

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
EDWARD TOWER,
L. WEBSTER BATES,
} *School Committee.*

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

For the Year ending February 10, 1863;

INCLUDING THE

Report of the Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer,

AND A

LIST OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE ARMY AND NAVY.

HINGHAM:
BLOSSOM & EASTERBROOK,
1863.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

OUTSTANDING BILLS NOT ORDERED IN, 1861.

James Bullard, brooms, &c., for North School,	$ 60
Clement B. Tower, making fires, High School, -	12 00
Levi Oakes, Jr., on account E. B. Gilbert, -	50
Isaiah Lincoln, making fires, Beechwood School, -	10 50
Hiram Bruce, posting Warrants, 1861, -	6 00
Lewis Bates, wood for Beechwood School, 1861, -	5 50
Howard Pratt, brooms, dippers, &c., " "	1 31
A. H. Tower, wood for North School District, 1861,	4 50
	$40 91

SHOVELLING SNOW.

Timothy W. Brown, District No. 8, - -	3 33
Rufus Bates, Jr., " " 7, - -	6 60
Oren R. Beal, " " 6, - -	10 63
Hiram Bruce, " " - -	1 00
David Beal, with snow plough, - - -	7 71
Louis N. Lincoln, " - - -	7 08
Thomas M. Smith, " - - -	9 67
Isaac S. Pratt, " - - -	6 67
Simeon P. Gove, " - - -	9 84
	$62 53

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SERVICES.

L. Webster Bates, services, -	$32 25	
Joseph Osgood, " - -	44 00	
Edward Tower, " -	31 50	
		$107 75

PRINTING.

Blossom & Easterbrook, printing Reports, 1861–62	$52 75
Newcomb B. Tower, " sundries, -	21 38
F. A. Searle, (refunded) " posters, -	4 00
	$78 13

TOWN HALL.

Dorchester Mut. Fire Ins. Co., insurance, -	$63 50
Quincy " " " -	63 50
Gove & Pratt, setting glass, - - -	50
Samuel Bates, lamps, &c., - - -	26 75
Louis N. Lincoln, repairs, - - -	1 50
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock, - -	5 20
Louis N. Lincoln, Towns' and Citizens' Meetings,	34 00
Samuel Bates, repairs on furnace, - -	11 49
	$206 45

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

HIGH SCHOOL ROOM.

Wm. B. Taylor, cleaning, - -	$ 3 50	
E. P. Dutton & Co., paste blackboard,	88	
Oren N. Morse, inkstands, -	10 25	
Elijah N. Barker, setting glass, &c., -	3 48	
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock, -	1 05	
Edward Tower, cleaning, - -	2 40	
Wm. A. W. Tilden, repairs, -	3 37	
Gove & Pratt, setting glass, - -	1 33	
Edward Tower, labor, - -	1 00	
Ed. E. Ellms, pails, crayons, brooms, &c	5 92	
		$33 18

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL HOUSE.

John H. Morgan, hanging doors, &c., -	$1 83	
Thomas A. Bates, repairs, -	4 75	
Howard Pratt, broom, - -	23	
Charles H. Wood, glass and water,	1 25	
Edward E. Ellms, bell, pails, &c., -	6 78	
		$14 84

SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Gove & Pratt, setting glass, - -	$2 05	
M. B. Stetson & Co., broom, -	33	
Samuel Bates, dippers and brush, -	50	
John J. Lincoln, repairs, - -	9 75	
Calvin Merriam, lock and screws, -	30	
Beal's Express, lock, &c., - -	55	
Sam'l D. Tower, brooms, &c., - -	1 17	
Edw'd E. Ellms, crayons, - -	50	
Samuel Bates, pail and dipper, -	35	
		$15 50

CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Samuel Bates, sundries,	$1 35	
Louis N. Lincoln, repairs,	3 00	
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock,	1 85	
Mrs. J. Terrey, cleaning,	1 00	
Thomas Lincoln, chair,	1 75	
Gove & Pratt, setting glass,	17	
Simeon P. Gove, painting.	7 50	
Edw'd E. Ellms, crayons, pails, &c.,	2 72	
Samuel Bates, repairs on stores,	2 63	
		$21 87

NORTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Samuel Bates, sundries,	$3 75	
Fox & Bates, labor and stock,	4 93	
Philip Fox, putting up stoves,	1 25	
Calvin Merriam, brooms,	40	
Edward E. Ellms, crayons,	89	
		$11 22

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teachers salaries,	$760 00	
Charles H. Willard, coal,	65 73	
George H. Barker, making fires,	23 75	
" " "	12 00	
Almshouse, 2 cords wood,	14 00	
		$875 48

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

Teachers salary,	$160 00	
Ephraim Lincoln, wood,	17 75	
		$177 75

NORTH SCHOOL.

Teachers salaries,	$260 00	
Almshouse, 4 cords wood,	25 00	
		$285 00

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Teachers salaries,	$260 00	
Chas. H. Willard, coal,	24 00	
Joseph B. Barker, making fires,	8 50	
		$292 50

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Teachers salaries,	$260 00	
Frank M. McClure, making fires,	3 50	
John Pratt, "	10 50	
Chas. H. Willard, coal,	31 73	
		$305 73

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL.

Teachers salaries,	$256 00	
Solomon L. Damon, wood,	10 98	
John H. Morgan, wood and housing,	7 44	
A. B. Litchfield, sawing wood,	2 00	
A. Judson Bates, wood,	3 05	
George B. Williams, sawing wood,	2 45	
Thomas A. Bates, "	2 00	
Isaac S. Pratt, wood,	5 75	
		$289 68

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Charles Kent,	$ 8 13	
Levi N. Bates,	45 08	
Edw'd E. Ellms,	43 74	
		$96 95

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Shelton & Cheever, hose, and repairing do.	$214 98
Harrison Henry, watching fire,	2 00
30 members, amount of poll tax,	45 00
Gove & Pratt, setting glass,	90
A. W. Hayden, steward,	20 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood and brush,	1 25
Alex. T. Prouty, freight of hose,	50
Chas. H. Willard, coal,	2 50
Edward E. Ellms, oil, fluid, &c.,	5 30
William W. Studley, sawing and housing wood,	50
Samuel Bates, lamps, &c.,	1 68
	$294 61

HIGHWAY TAXES, 1861,

RETURNED BY SURVEYORS.

Hiram Bruce,	20 31
Oren R. Beal,	42 89
Timothy W. Brown,	12 44
John Burbank, Jr.,	13 89
Thomas Bates,	10 90
Rufus Bates, Jr.,	9 16
Warren Bates, Jr.,	5 33
Lott Willcutt,	39 56
	$154 48

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Henry L. Studley, plank for bridge,	$ 2 47
Michael Lanigan, "	50
Abraham Hall, "	1 27
Manuel Antoine, "	2 30
Louis N. Lincoln, labor and stock,	10 30
Daniel Sullivan, labor,	5 31
Thomas Mulchi, "	6 62
Oren R. Beal, bridges,	11 50
Thomas Mulchi, labor at M. H. Pond,	2 00
Louis N. Lincoln, labor on Mill Bridge,	7 50
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock, railings,	2 78
Fox & Bates, mill bridge,	5 00
John & A. Pratt, gravel,	5 00
Simeon P. Gove, stones,	1 00
Thomas Bates, gravel, 1861,	15 00
Ezra Towle, overwork, 1861,	10 00
Oren R. Beal, gravel,	6 90
Philip Fox, guide boards and posts,	13 00
Simeon P. Gove, painting and erecting do.,	15 00
Samuel Stockbridge, scow hire,	8 50
David Cushing 2d., plank for mill bridge,	22 97
Ezra Towle, carting ditto.,	2 12
Amos Tilden & Son, iron work do.	1 18
Philip Fox, railing on ridges,	5 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., spikes for mill bridge,	1 26
A. H. Tower, gravel and use of gundalo,	17 75
Edward E. Ellms, spikes for mill bridge,	2 40
	$193 63

ABATEMENT OF TAXES BY ASSESSORS.

For the year 1854,	$ 12	
" 1855,	39	
" 1857,	3 90	
" 1858,	8 53	
" 1859,	86 09	
" 1860,	22 90	
" 1861,	77 77	
" 1862,	227 49	
		$427 19

FLAG AND STAFF.

Whiton, Browne & Wheelwright, bunting,	$ 40
Warren Orcutt, attending flag & topmast,	8 00
	$8 40

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. Q. A. Lothrop, selectman and assessor,		$106 00
Solomon J. Beal, " "		106 00
Fordyce Foster, selectman,		28 00
Edward Tower, assessor,		64 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer and Collector,		100 00
Newcomb Bates, Jr., Town Clerk,		41 20
		$445 20
State tax,	$2,160 00	
County tax,	940 24	
		$3,100 24

RECRUTING OF VOLUNTEERS.

J. Q. A. Lothrop, services as recruiting officer,	$90 00
" " travelling expenses,	30 00
Solomon J. Beal, services,	90 00
Louis N. Lincoln, lighting and care of room,	34 00
Newcomb B. Tower, printing notices,	8 50
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire,	16 00
	$268 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for distributing Town Reports, Feb., 1862.	$ 1 75
Clarke & Shaw, Ezra Towle's case,	166 07
Perez Simmons, "	25 00
Ezra Towle, "	22 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, "	15 00
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire,	19 75
Beal's Express, sundries,	5 12
Simeon P. Gove, com. on taxes and expenses,	12 88
" painting and repairing bier,	1 50
" posting Warrants,	15 00
" Truant officer, services,	6 61
A. H. Tower, Jr., stationery,	1 10
Samuel Nichols, police officer,	2 00
Simeon P. Gove, notice to dog owners,	3 00
Oren R. Beal, " "	2 50
Simeon P. Gove, for killing two dogs,	1 00
Oren R. Beal, " one dog,	50
Edward Tower, postage,	4 10
Edward E. Ellms, stationery,	9 04
Rufus Bates, Jr., notice to dog owners,	3 00
" posting dog notices,	1 00
" " by-laws,	1 00
	$318 92

BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEERS.

Amount paid to 37 three year's men,	$6,050 00
" 21 nine month's men, each $150,	3,150 00
	$9,200 00
Less amount refunded by Town of Hanson, for three men transferred back,	$450 00
	$8,750 00
State aid paid to families of Volunteers,	$2,780 00

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding bills not ordered in, 1861,		$ 40 91
Amount paid for shovelling snow,		62 53
School Committee, services,		107 75
Printing,		78 13
Town Hall,		206 45
Repairs on School Houses,		96 61
Support of Schools,		2,226 14
School Books,		96 95
Fire Department,		294 61
Highway Deficiencies,		154 48
Roads and Bridges,		193 63
Abatement of taxes,		427 19
Flag Staff,		8 40
Town Officers,		445 20
State and County taxes,		3,100 24
Recruiting of Volunteers,		268 50
Miscellaneous,		318 92
Bounties to Volunteers,		8,750 00
State aid to families,		2,780 00
Overseers of the Poor's orders,		2,037 19
		$21,693 83
Outstanding orders,	$ 2 91	
Wood from Almshouse furnished schools,	39 00	
		$41 91
Amount of orders drawn by Selectmen,		$21,651 92

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,

FEBRUARY 10, 1863.

Henry Doane, Jr., 4 notes due April 1, 1863, .	$800 00
Lewis Willcutt, 2 notes due April 1, 1863, .	200 00
Hingham Savings Bank, 4 notes due Ap'l 24, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, ...	3,500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 8 notes due April 1, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, .	8,000 00
Est. Caroline L. Tower, one note due April 24, 1867, ...	500 00
	$13,000 00

Levi Pratt, one demand note (balance) .	.	250 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, seven demand notes, .		7,500 00
Hingham " one " note,	.	500 00
Cohasset Mut. Fire Ins. Co., one demand note,		340 00
Calvin Merriam, one "	.	800 00
Lewis Willcutt, one "	.	450 00
Harrison P. Snow, one "	.	200 00
Franklin J. Damon, one "	.	100 00
John A. Treat, one "	.	200 00
Albert F. Barnes, one "	.	200 00
Thomas Williston, one "	.	200 00
Bela Bates, one "	.	175 00
Thomas O. Hayden, one "	.	175 00
George W. Whitcomb, one "	.	150 00
Thomas Morey, one "	.	150 00
Alonzo L. Palmer, one "	.	150 00
Eustis W. Tilden, one "	.	125 00
William A. Lewis, one "	.	100 00
John Studley, one "	.	100 00
Andrew M. Hyland, one "	.	100 00
Joseph W. Fish, one "	.	100 00
William Randall, one "	.	100 00
Caleb F. B. Tilden, one "	.	100 00
Stephen Lincoln, one "	.	100 00
William H. Pratt, one "	.	100 00
Charles A. Gross, one "	.	100 00
James M. Sweeney, one "	.	100 00
John Clarke, one "	.	100 00
Caleb L. Bates, one "	.	90 00
Richard H. Lincoln, one "	.	75 00
Elias W. Bourne, one "	.	75 00

Frederic Bates,	one demand note,	75 00
Isaiah Lincoln,	one " (balance)	70 00
Lyman D. Willcutt,	one " .	50 00
Sylvanus F. Treat,	one " (balance)	50 00
		$26,250 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1863.

Amount due from Town of Hull for schooling of children, 1862, - - - -	$15 00
Amount due from Town of Hingham for supplies to Mary M. Prouty and children, - -	19 17
Amount due from Town of Scituate for support of paupers to Feb. 2, 1863, - - -	285 50
Amount due from John J. Lothrop for support of John J. Lothrop, Jr., - - -	35 75
Amount due from Zealous Bates for support of Josephine E. Bates, - - -	79 88
Amount due from Samuel Nichols, - -	5 62
" Lewis Wheelwright, -	2 50
" Jona. B. Bates, -	4 00
" Solomon L. Damon, - -	5 50
" Marcia D. Tower, -	93
" Caleb F. Nichols, - -	8 16
" W. W. Studley, in 1860, -	3 25
" State for aid to families of Volunteers, - -	2,979 22
" United States for services of Assessors on enrollment, -	41 00
Balance in the Treasury, - - -	345 37
	$3,830 85
Town debt after deducting the above credit is, -	$22,419 15

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
SOLOMON J. BEAL,
FORDYCE FOSTER,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Year ending February 2, 1863.

ALMS-HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To Stock on hand, Feb. 3, 1862	$1141 07
Keeper's Salary	125 00
E. E. Ellms, groceries, &c	5 74
A. H. Tower, use of stock	2 32
G. James, carrots	1 50
Breck & Co., yoke	5 25
H. Pratt, groceries, &c	50 27
G. Hunt, bread	7 33
H. W. Doane, grinding	27
T. M. Smith, liquor	2 20
J. A. Bates, tailoring	2 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, &c	103 37
D. Tower, "	13 12
C. Willard, coal	90
J. O. Lawrence, groceries, &c	8 78
C. Merriam, "	38 45
D. Nichols, salt grass	1 00
J. Litchfield, lobsters	2 15
C. F. Nichols, groceries and meal	242 03
J. W. Fish, clams	2 00
A. S. Litchfield, filing saws	50
Lot Bates, yoke of oxen	83 00
C. Nichols, standing wood	28 38
Hull, rent of beach	2 50

To T. A. Bates, cabbages	1 87
A. Pratt, standing wood	14 64
G. Wheelwright, pasturage	12 00
J. Wilcutt, "	5 00
A. Tilden & Son, smithing	10 38
F. J. Damon, "	15 88
C. Burbank, butchering	3 25
T. L. Burbank, cobling	1 12
J. Burbank, Jr., making cider	2 50
J. Bullard, tinware, &c	5 02
L. L. Worrick, labor and apples	8 87
L. Lincoln, yoke	1 50
Lot Bates, buying oxen and wood	5 00
Bourne & Nickerson, meat	58 83
J. Kent, filing saws	38
A. H. Tower, barrels	2 40
E. E. Ellms, groceries, &c	7 77
Services of Overseers	30 00
C. Kent, groceries, &c	8 17
	$2,063 73

ALMS-HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Cr.

By 5 tons English hay	90 00
2 tons black grass hay	20 00
3 tons salt hay	24 00
800 pounds barley straw	4 00
1 pair oxen, $100; 2 cows, $80	180 00
3 plows, $14.50; 1 harrow, $8.00	22 50
Yokes and dray, $11; hoes, bars and rakes, $4.50	15 50
3 pigs	20 00
8 cord wood, sawed and split	52 00
2 1-2 cords pine wood	10 00
1-2 cord hardwood, dry	3 00
22 cords hardwood, green	121 00
5 cords pine wood, green	17 50
10 cords trash, $25; 1 cord hemlock, $4	29 00
Baskets, forks and shovels	6 50
Cattle ties, rigging and tub	4 50
Axes, pick and wedges	10 00
Barrels and casks	16 00
600 pounds clear pork	60 00
1 barrel prime, $10; 120 pounds ham, $12	22 00
500 pounds beef	40 00
75 bushels potatoes	45 00
30 bushels turnips, $7.50; 10 bushels roots, $5	12 50
100 pounds squashes $1.50; cabbages, $1.50	3 00
47 pounds soft soap, $5.88; 4 1-2 barrels cider, $9	14 88

By 4 barrels apples, $4; 6 3-4 bushels meal, $6.56.....	10 56
6 1-2 bushels beans, $18.20; 11 bushels corn, $11...	29 20
18 bushels barley.....	23 40
Washing machine, measures and churn...	4 50
60 pounds fresh beef and suet.....	6 00
22 gallons vinegar and cask, $3.50; bags, $2.....	5 50
12 chains, $6; 2 ladders, $1.....	7 00
1 ox wagon, $47; cart, $34.....	81 00
1 sled, $11; posts, $3.....	14 00
Wood-saws, horse, and trough.....	5 00
1 wheelbarrow and grindstone.....	6 00
Scythes and snaiths.....	4 00
35 fowls, $14; 5 stoves, $15.....	29 00
11 pounds raisins, $2.40; 60 pounds candles, $8.40..	10 80
24 pounds soap, $2.40; 75 pounds fish, $3.00.....	5 40
15 pounds butter, $4.20; 8 pounds sugar, $1.04....	5 24
100 pounds dried apples, $5; 28 pounds tea, $21....	26 00
3 gallons molasses, $1.20; 1-4 barrel flour, $2.25 ...	3 45
50 pounds lard, $6.25; tin and earthen ware, $19...	25 25
3 skeins yarn. .84; spices, $1.50.....	2 34
4 yards brown cotton, $1.40; cotton flannel, .42.....	1 82
14 yards print, $3.08; 5 yards cotton, $1.50.....	4 58
Tobacco, wick, and oil.....	1 90
Stock on hand February 2d, 1863.....	$1154 82

ALMS-HOUSE ACCOUNT BY SALES, &c.

By 1 ox, Bourne & Nickerson.....	60 48
1 calf, "	6 80
1 hide, "	6 50
1-2 cord wood, I. Kent.....	3 50
50 feet plank, "	1 50
1-2 cord wood, Mrs. Lambert..	2 50
1 1-4 cord wood, P. Mulvey.....	6 00
6 feet trash, "	2 25
6 bushels potatoes, "	2 00
1 1-2 day's plowing, "	3 50
1 1-2 cord wood, Samuel Nichols	5 62
1 pig, L. Wheelwright.....	2 50
1 pig, J. B. Bates	4 00
2 pigs, L. L. Worrick.....	4 00
Labor, "	4 87
1 calf, French.....	2 00
Chickens, French.....	3 50
Labor, L. Lincoln.....	1 50
Wood, Mrs. M. Tower	93
1-2 cord wood, and potatoes, C. F. Nichols....	4 66
1-2 cord wood, L. Pratt.....	3 50

3 cords wood, North School	21 00	
1 cord wood, " "	4 00	
2 cords wood, High School	14 00	
142 weeks board, at $2 per week, from Town of Scituate	284 00	
		455 17
Total		$1609 93
Debit brought forward	$2,063 73	
Credit brought forward	1,609 93	
Alms-house Dr. to balance		$453 80
Expenses of inmates of Alms-house, 486 weeks, at .93 91/243 per week		$453 80

Support and Relief of Persons outside of the Alms-House for the Year ending February 2, 3.

Dr.

To Mrs. Hardwick, board for N. Pratt, 1861–	53 00	
Town of Hingham, supplies for Susan Tower	64 75	
James Doran, board for E. B. Gilbert	70 00	
T. M. Smith, liquor for Pratt & Mulvey	10 00	
S. L. Hospital, board for D. Wilcutt	165 37	
" board for J. J. Lothrop	164 80	
" board for J. E. Bates	159 75	
C. F. Nichols, supplies for M. Prouty	19 17	
Assistance to Antoine Smith	7 45	
" to William Hayden, 1860	2 00	
" Mrs. Lambert	39 87	
" including Doctor's bill, P. Mulvey	191 49	
" to family of J. Edwards	19 99	
" to D. Vinal	19 20	
" to S. Hawthorn	3 00	
Dr. F. Foster, attendance on J. Fenno	12 00	
J. Towle, Undertaker, Mrs. Everett and N. Pratt	8 00	
City of Boston, bill for S. P. Joy	22 75	
" " " M. Pratt	4 50	
" " " M. Beal	7 29	
I. Kent, burial of Mrs. N. Pratt	12 50	
" expense on E. B. Gilbert	4 85	
" " on Mrs. Joy and Pratt	3 00	
" " on M. Sylvester	1 50	
" " carting	1 00	
E. E. Ellms, supplies for Mrs. Mulvey	24 00	
" medicines, P. Mulvey	7 61	
" " N. Pratt	4 85	
H. J. Pratt, pasturage, P. Mulvey	9 00	
		$1113 19

Support and Relief outside of Alms-House.

Cr.

By amount due from J. J. Lothrop	164 80		
" " J. E. Bates	79 88		
" " M. Prouty, of Hingham	19 17		
" " M. Sylvester, Scituate	1 50		
		265	35
Outside expense Dr. to balance		$847	84

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

Samuel Bates, zinc	2 60		
S. P. Gove, paint and glazing	3 03		
H. Collier, shingles	4 50		
I. Kent, labor and stock	2 98		
D. Cushing 2d, stock	2 98		
Gove & Pratt, glazing	67		
		$48	78
Amount due the Town from Wm. Hayden & Son, fishing voyage, 1862, J. Q. A. Lothrop		$34	29
Amount due Alms-house, Charles Barnes, 1-2 ton hay, 1861		$10	00
S. P. Gove, removing M. Beal to Alms-house		$6	00

ISAAC KENT,
C. F. NICHOLS,
LOT BATES,
} *Overseers of Poor of Cohasset.*

DOG ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To paid Rufus Bates, Jr., for notifying owners, &c.....	$4 00
" " Oren R. Beal, for notifying owners, and killing one dog	3 00
" " Simeon P. Gove, " " " two dogs	4 00
" " Town Clerk's fees on 67 licences, at 10c..... ..	6 70
" balance in Treasury.....	92 80
	$110 50

Cr.

By balance from former account.....	$43 50
" cash of Town Clerk, 67 licenses at $1.00	67 00
	$110 50

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

Dr.

To Cash and liquors, as per last year's Report		$50 00
" Amount of sales		164 45
		$214 45

Cr.

By Cash paid for liquors	$173 94	
" United States License	20 00	
" Beal's Express	6 50	
" Salary	20 00	
" Liquor on hand	14 00	
		$214 45

J. M. SMITH, *Agent.*

Cohasset, February 5, 1863.

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET, IN ACCOUNT WITH A. H. TOWER, Jr. TREASURER. Cr.

1862–63.		1862–63.		
To paid amount of Selectmen's orders drawn to date	$4,641 40	By Balance from former account		$1,013 87
" School appropriation for teaching	1,956 00	" Received of Town of Hingham, for supplies to Mrs. Prouty and children		25 11
" Abatement of taxes, per Assessor's orders	424 28	" " of Town of Hull, for schooling of children to March 1, 1862		30 00
" State Tax, 1862	2,160 00	" " of John J. Lothrop, on account of his son's board at Hospital, Taunton		130 47
" County Tax, 1862	940 24	" " of sale of grass, Strait's Pond Flats		89 30
" Bounties to Volunteers	9,200 00	" " of State Treasurer, School Fund, 1862		76 94
" State aid to families of Volunteers	2,789 00	" " of Cohasset Savings' Bank, Int. Ripley Fund		50 00
" Discount on Taxes to Oct. 1st	469 65	" " of State Treasurer, for State aid paid in 1861		103 54
" Lewis Willcutt, three notes due March 15, 1862	300 00	" " Town of Hanson, for three Volunteers transferred		450 00
" Charles Nichols, note due April 1, 1862	500 00	" " of Town Clerk for Dog Licenses ... $67 00 Less his fees, 10 per cent ... 6 70		60 30
" Cohasset Mutual Fire Insurance Company, note due April 24, 1862	200 00	" " of Louis N. Lincoln, for rent Town Hall		36 67
" Levi Pratt, on account demand note	50 00	" " of J. Q. A. Lothrop, for printing posters		4 00
" Notes for hired money	2,520 00	" " of Isaac Kent, for wood and plank sold at Alms-house		5 00
" Interest on Town's notes and hired money	980 16	" " Money hired in anticipation of Taxes, and for Bounties by votes of Town		14,520 00
To Balance in Treasury	345 37	" " Amount of Tax Bills, 1862		10,871 90
	$27,467 10			$27,467 10

Cohasset, February 10, 1863.

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

LIST OF VOLUNTEERS,

AND THE REGIMENTS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.

Arnold, Daniel P.....38th Regiment.
Arnold, George..... "
Arnold, Edward H..... "
Bennett, Charles F..... 15th "
Beal, Samuel.....1st Co. Heavy Artillery.
Beal, James S..... "
Bates, James L..... "
Bates, Lincoln.....United States Navy.
Bates, Joseph J.....1st Co. Heavy Artillery.
Bates, Bela.....38th Regiment.
Barnes, Albert F..... 24th "
Bourne, Ezekiel P.....12th "
Bates, Cyrus.....45th "
Bourne, Elias W.....45th "
Bates, Caleb L.....45th "
Bates, Abner N.....45th "
Bates 2d, John.....United States Navy.
Beal, Robert Y..... "
Crane, J. Franklin..... 7th Regiment.
Carl, William R.....41st "
Couilard, David J .....3d Co. Heavy Artillery.
Clarke, John..... "
Doane, J. Foster..... 1st Regiment.
Dunster, Samuel H.....24th "
Davis, Joseph R.....11th Mass. Battery.
Davis, Charles F.....3d Co. Heavy Artillery.

Fish, Joseph W.....38th Regiment.
Fuller, Warren.....32d "
Fish, George A.....2d Co. Heavy Artillery.
Groce, Leander W.....32d Regiment.
Gibbs, Thomas O. S.....44th "
Gross, Charles A.....45th "
Henry, Harrison.....24th "
Hayden, Thomas O.....38th "
Hayden, John G.....1st Co. Heavy Artillery.
Hardwick, Henry C.....1st "
Haskell, Alfred.....3d "
Harris, William F. Jr.....3d "
Kane, Thomas.....3d "
Lindsey, Alexander.....United States Navy.
Litchfield, George A.....32d Regiment.
Lincoln, Stephen P.....United States Navy.
Lincoln, Daniel B.....
Leithead, George F.....19th Regiment.
Lincoln, Stephen.....45th "
Lincoln, Richard H.....45th "
Lincoln, Alfred W.....United StatesNavy.
Morey, George T.....1st Co. Heavy Artillery.
Morey, Oliver L.....
Manuel, John L.....
Minot, Leonard W.....18th Regiment.
Morse, William H.....2d Co. Heavy Artillery.
Minot, Levi L.....3d "
Orcutt, John.....20th Regiment.
Oakes, B. Franklin.....24th "
Phinney, Isaac.....35th "
Pratt, Charles A.....1st Co. Heavy Artillery.
Pratt, Charles H.....U. S. Sappers and Miners.
Pratt, Nichols.....United States Navy.
Poole, Amos L.....26th Regiment.
Pelby, Forrester A.....1st "
Prouty, George H.....32d "
Palmer, Alonzo L.....2d Co. Heavy Artillery.

Pratt, William H .....45th Regiment.
Ripley, Martin T..... .....32d "
Richards, John..... .....1st Co. Heavy Artillery.
Randall, William.....44th Regiment.
Remington, William H.....3d Co. Heavy Artillery.
Simpson, Oliver E ..... . 1st Regiment.
Stoddard, Zenas Jr.....U. S. Sappers and Miners.
Smith, William L.....2d Reg. D. C. Guards.
Shaw, Robert B.....32d Regiment.
Spooner, George.....1st Co. Heavy Artillery.
Spear, Thomas T.....United States Navy.
Sweeney, James M.....45th Regiment.
Sewall, George W..... .....47th "
Stone, Cyrus Jr..... .....43d "
Shay, James.....30th "
Studley, Andrew J.....6th "
Treat, John A .. ..14th "
Treat, Sylvanus F. .....14th "
Tilden, Caleb F. B.... .....1st Co. Heavy Artillery.
Tower, John W.....1st "
Tower, Francis H.....1st "
Towle, Joseph M.....32d Regiment.
Thayer, William F .....1st "
Tower, George B. N.....United States Navy.
Thayer, Anselm..... .....33d Regiment.
Tower, Thomas.....2d Co. Heavy Artillery.
Tower, Levi C.....2d "
Tilden, Eustis W.....2d "
Tower, Isaac.....2d "
Williston, Thomas.....38th Regiment.
Whittington, Hiram.....United States Navy.
Wells, Charles F.....1st Regiment.
Williams, Andrew W.....U. S. Sappers and Miners.
Willcutt, Elbridge..... "
Whittier, Charles..... . .1st Co. Heavy Artillery.
Whittier, William.....1st "
Whittier, Leavitt.....39th Regiment.
Willcutt, Lyman D.....45th "

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR 1862-63.

BOSTON:

PRENTISS & DELAND, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,

No. 40, CONGRESS STREET.

1863.

REPORT.

The School Committee have the pleasure of congratulating the town on the continued success of the schools the past year. Seldom, if ever, have they known the schools more generally prosperous, in better discipline, or with a more constant and regular attendance of the pupils. The common branches of study have been diligently and perseveringly pursued in all the schools; while some branches, especially singing, writing, and drawing, have received more attention than ever before. The general good health that has prevailed among the children, the favorable open winter, and the efforts that have been made to secure the attendance of truant and idle children, have all helped to keep the schools full, to sustain the interest of the scholars in their studies, and to assist their progress.

Another cause of success has been the fact that our schools have been conducted according to a uniform system, especially those which are continued through the year under the care of the same teachers. Step by step, from the alphabet to the higher school studies, without break or interruption, the children are carried along, so that, if they are regular in their attendance, and have ordinary natural capacities, they cannot fail of obtaining a very respectable school education.

Then, the permanency of the connexion of our teachers with their schools has had a very beneficial effect. Of the fourteen different teachers who have been employed during the year, only three were new teachers in our schools; and of the eleven different schools and departments of schools during the winter, all have been continued under the charge of teachers who had taught them in previous years, with the exception of one primary school, and that has been under the same teacher since the beginning of the school year. Every year's experience makes

more and more manifest the benefit of continuing our schools as long as possible under the care of good and efficient teachers, without change.

The following table exhibits the statistics of the schools during the year.

	WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS.		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	
	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.
Jerusalem School	30	28	20	20
North Grammar School	52	58	44	33
North Primary ,, ...	37	33	25	23
Centre Grammar ,, ...	50	45	41	41
Centre Primary ,, ...	48	46	40	31
South Grammar ,, ...	53	50	40	31
South Primary ,, ...	41	43	34	29
Beechwoods ,, ...	55	36	36	31
Beechwoods Primary School . .		31		24
High School	111	100	67	66
In all the schools	477	470	347	329
In all the schools the year before	438	419	300	315
Excess of the last year over the year before	39	51	47	14

The whole number of children in the town, between the ages of five and fifteen, on the first day of May last, was four hundred and forty.

THE JERUSALEM SCHOOL

Has been continued under the charge of Miss Lucy Lincoln. The order of the school has always been good when the school has been visited, and the children have seemed to be interested in their studies, and to be making good progress. Writing has been carefully attended to, and some of the scholars have made very marked and creditable improvement. Many of the children — more than in any other school of the same grade in the town — have been in the habit of writing compositions, which cannot but have been of benefit to them, as an exercise in writing,

in spelling, in grammar, in thinking, and in expressing their thoughts correctly. This exercise might be introduced, with advantage, more freely into our other schools.

At the closing examination the order of the school was good; marked improvement was manifest in the arithmetic classes, and the other classes of the school appeared generally to have been well instructed. A number of small children did remarkably well in reading and spelling, and appeared to have made unusually good progress.

THE NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Has been continued under the charge of Miss Martha J. Bates. Miss Bates has shown great energy and industry in conducting the school, — awakening a deep interest in many of her pupils, inciting them to study, and helping them accomplish a great amount of work. The school has always appeared well during the year, when visited,— the order good, and the different branches of study receiving their proper attention. The school is now in a more satisfactory state than it has been in for some years; and its prospect, under the faithful and earnest instruction of its present teacher, is very encouraging.

It appeared generally well at the closing examination. The classes in arithmetic had made good progress, although some of the children failed in decimals and in the simpler arithmetical processes. The classes in grammar and geography appeared well, and a marked improvement in writing was manifest. Some fine specimens of map drawing — a very useful exercise — were exhibited.

THE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Has been continued under the care of Miss Eliza H. Tower. Miss Tower has succeeded in securing great promptness and diligence on the part of the scholars, good order and attention to study, together with their lively interest and affection. It has always been a pleasure to visit her school, and her pupils always seem interested, earnest, and making good progress in learning; yet the whole work of teaching and discipline is conducted gently, pleasantly, and quietly.

The school, at the closing examination, appeared to be in very fine condition, and gave high satisfaction to the Committee in every respect. This school is worthy to take rank as a model primary school.

THE CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Has been continued under the instruction of Miss Abby N. Bates. It has been in excellent condition, as usual. The order has been good when it has been visited, and the children have been making constant and regular progress in all the studies of the school. A good deal of attention has been given to writing, and the improvement of some of the scholars has been very creditable; while the instruction, in all the common branches, has been careful and thorough.

Owing to the illness of the teacher, the school was suspended for the last two weeks of the term, and there was no closing examination.

THE CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Has been taught by Miss Clara B. Briggs. This has been Miss Briggs's first experience in school teaching; but she entered upon it with a warm love of children, and with the anticipation of pleasure in their company, and in instructing them. She has been successful in her work. Her pupils have been kept in a good state of discipline, have acquired a love for the school, and have made good progress in learning.

At the closing examination the school appeared well. The children exhibited good progress in learning to read and spell, while their exercises in singing, and in reciting pieces, gave additional interest to the occasion.

THE SOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Has been continued under the instruction of Miss Marcia P. Tower. The children in this school seem to have been taught faithfully, and to have made progress in their studies. Arithmetic has been thoroughly taught, some of the writing books

showed marked improvement, while reading and spelling have been carefully attended to. The school seems to have done as well, or better, than for a number of years past.

At the closing examination it appeared generally well. The first class in grammar, in particular — and the other exercises for the most part, especially of the girls — were creditable to the teacher and the scholars. Many children from this school have taken a good position in the High School.

THE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL,

Continued under the care of Miss Myra L. Beal, has been successful. The children have seemed interested in their school, and have made good progress in learning. The teacher has shown a deep interest in her pupils, and has tried various methods to interest them, and to make the school pleasant to them. She has encouraged their drawing pictures and maps on their slates and the blackboard, and at the closing examination some pictures and maps were exhibited which displayed considerable taste and skill.

THE BEECHWOODS SCHOOL

Was taught, during its summer term, by Miss Mary Lincoln. Miss Lincoln is a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School, and appeared, on examination, well instructed in the theory of teaching, and in the branches of learning required to be taught in our common schools. She seems also to be a young lady of high principles, of refined and gentle manners, and earnestly desirous of succeeding as a teacher. A few of her older pupils made good progress in their studies under her instruction; but the school, as a whole, hardly made so good progress as could have been wished. The children needed to be under stricter discipline and more energetic instruction.

THE BEECHWOODS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Has been taught by Mr. L. Webster Bates. This school, when visited, has always appeared to be under an excellent state of discipline, — the scholars attentive to their studies, and

making good progress. The school has seldom, or never, seemed to be in a better condition than during the past winter.

At the closing examination the order was good, the arithmetic classes appeared to have made very marked improvement, the writing books exhibited good progress, while the other exercises of the school were very creditable.

THE BEECHWOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Has been taught by Miss Sarah L. Bates. This school has been larger than usual. The order has been good, the children prompt and earnest in their exercises, and have made good progress in acquiring the rudiments of learning. Miss Bates's increased experience gives her increased facility and success in teaching. The closing examination of her school was very satisfactory to the Committee.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Was commenced last spring under the charge of Mr. Fred Browning, a graduate of Amherst College. Mr. Browning, though in feeble health, entered upon his work with great earnestness and enthusiasm. His task was difficult, as he found the school in an unsatisfactory state of discipline, and with a very large number of pupils, — one hundred and eleven in all. He determined, however, to secure good order, or to relinquish the school, and was obliged to use some severity. But by his earnestness and decision he was enabled to bring the school into a good state of discipline, to secure the affection of his pupils, and to give promise of high success. He was especially interested in singing, and taught this valuable branch of education with much success. But his ill health increased; and, before the close of the summer term, he was obliged to relinquish the charge of the school, greatly to the regret of his pupils and the Committee.

They, however, were enabled to secure the services of Mr. Robert F. Leighton, who had been formerly teacher of the school. Mr. Leighton determined not to permit the school to

relapse into a state of disorder. He was therefore obliged to resort to some severity of discipline. Yet he succeeded in maintaining good order; and, consequently, in doing far more for the progress of the scholars in learning than would have been otherwise possible. Many irregularities of conduct have been corrected, the demeanor of the pupils out of school has improved, the attendance has been more constant, and the various branches of study have been successfully pursued.

At the closing examination the school appeared unusually well. The classes in arithmetic, and the higher mathematics, gave evidence that they had been thoroughly instructed, and had made very creditable progress. Classes in geography and in Latin appeared well; while good attention appeared to have been given to reading, writing, and book-keeping.

Miss Sophronia P. Oakes has been the Assistant Teacher through the year, and has had her usual success in teaching, and in gaining the affections and awakening the interest of her pupils. Her classes in arithmetic, English grammar, Latin, and French, appeared to have been carefully taught. Good improvement has been made in reading, while drawing has received considerable attention; and, at the closing examination, many drawing books of the pupils exhibited afforded evidence of the taste and skill of the scholars, and of the careful instruction they had received.

The High School, as a whole, has seldom been more successful than the past year; nor has its promise of future usefulness ever been greater than at present.

Its number of pupils, the past winter, has been diminished by the departure of some of those who would have been its members to the war. They have exchanged its quiet studies, its social pleasures, its literary ambitions, for the hardships of the camp, the fierce struggle of the battle-field, or the perils and excitements of the naval service. Those who but lately were quietly preparing themselves, by study, for the active duties and responsibilities of citizens, and who were treasuring in their minds the noble thoughts and eloquent words of our patriots and statesmen, are now showing their loyalty and manhood in the great struggle through which our country is passing, and from which we trust it will arise stronger and nobler, as from a new birth.

Stephen Lincoln, Sylvanus F. Treat, James M. Sweeney, Francis H. Tower, Alfred W. Lincoln, Hiram Whittington, and Caleb L. Bates, all of whom were members of the school the preceding winter — and some of them to the time of their enlisting — have, the past winter, been learning new lessons in the army and navy.

And to these might be added the names of others who left the High School earlier, but who once shared its influences and instructions, and, we doubt not, cherish its remembrance, and will carry the results of its discipline, instructions, and patriotic associations and teachings into their conflict with the ignorance and barbarism of the South.

The education which these young men have received in our schools has fitted them not only to appreciate better the nature of the conflict in which the nation is engaged, and the principles which underlie our government, but also to bring better gifts to the service of their country, and to discharge all their duties more intelligently and efficiently.

Indeed, it becomes us more than ever to cherish those institutions established by our fathers, in which the young are trained up in intelligence, learning, good morals, and patriotism. It is through their influence that the nation has been enabled to rise up so nobly, and to struggle so manfully against the dangers threatening it: and to meet the dangers awaiting us in the future, and to enable the nation to arise from this conflict stronger and nobler, with a richer promise of greatness and true glory, and prepared to master wisely the new position of affairs in which it will be placed, our educational institutions will need, more than ever, our cordial support.

The evils of truancy, and of the neglect of the privileges provided in our schools for the education of all children, by boys without any regular occupation, and growing up in ignorance and idleness, have engaged the attention of the Committee. They have done what they could, with the assistance of the truant officers, to remedy these evils, and they trust with some degree of success.

There are always a few children, of good natural abilities, who are either most of the time absent from school or very irregular in their attendance. They consequently fail to receive any regular or thorough education. They keep back the classes in

which they happen to be in their studies, by their irregular attendance, and finally fall out of them, lose their interest in study, and, as they grow older, become ashamed of their ignorance, and more and more adverse to attending school. In the streets they disturb the schools, tempt other children to truancy, and, having no regular work, are liable to become indolent, profane, and immoral in their habits.

This class of children is now one of the greatest obstacles to the full success of the schools in Massachusetts. It is desirable that the efforts which have been begun to secure their regular attendance at school should be carried out till this evil is thoroughly abated. The beginning made the past year has already had a salutary effect on the schools.

During the year greater attention has been paid, in the schools, to singing than ever before. This has given variety and interest to the exercises of the schools, has assisted them in acquiring this valuable accomplishment, and in every way has had a salutary effect in the schools. Other exercises, also, have been introduced, especially in gymnastics in the primary schools, which have always been pleasant to the children, — relieved the monotony and tedium so apt to prevail, and have also given promise of much that may be accomplished by the introduction of new methods and forms of discipline and instruction.

The expenses of the schools the past year have been, as nearly as can be ascertained, as follows: —

Jerusalem District,	for teaching,	$160.00	. .	Fuel, &c.,	$22.75
North	,,	,,	,,	260.00	. .	,,	,,	37.00
Centre	,,	,,	,,	260.00	. .	,,	,,	32.50
South	,,	,,	,,	260.00	. .	,,	,,	45.73
Beechwoods	,,	,,	,,	256.00	. .	,,	,,	44.68
High School,		,,	,,	760.00	. .	,,	,,	99.48
Whole amount,		,,	,,	$1,956.00	. .	,,	,,	$282.14

The sum charged the High School for fuel, &c., viz., $99.48, is the remainder after deducting $15.00 from the whole amount charged to that school, as the proportion of the expense judged to be due by the town, — for warming the hall, Selectmen's room, &c.

The whole expense of the schools the past year has been, — for teaching, $1,956.00; for fuel, &c., $282.14; total, $2,238.14.

To meet this expense we have had, —

The town's appropriation	$2,100.00
Income of Ripley Fund	50.00
Due from town of Hull	15.00
Income of State Literary Fund	76.94
	$2,241.94

From these estimates it appears that the expenses of the schools have been $3.80 less than our pecuniary resources for their support; but as it is probable that some bills against the schools may not yet have been handed in, the amount of expense may be somewhat further increased. In view of the higher prices paid for fuel the past year, it may be deemed fortunate that the expenses of the schools have been so well met; but the winter has been unusually open and mild, so that less fuel has been necessary than usual.

To maintain the schools the current year, according to the system that has been adopted and pursued for the last few years, it will be necessary for the town to raise $2,100.00 by tax.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
EDWARD TOWER,
L. WEBSTER BATES,
} *School Committee.*

Cohasset, March 2, 1863.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1864,

INCLUDING THE

REPORTS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND TOWN TREASURER, AND A LIST OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE ENTERED THE UNITED STATES SERVICE SINCE MAY, 1861.

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REPORT.

BILLS OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 10, 1863.

Bourne & Nickerson, provisions for Almshouse,	$ 58	85
Elijah N. Barker, paint for Centre Schoolhouse, 1861,	2	37
J. O. Lawrence, groceries for Almshouse, 1862,	8	78
John Willcutt, making fires North School "	12	00
Henry T. Pratt, pasturage for Almshouse, "	9	00
	$ 91	00

REMOVING SNOW.

Orrin R. Beal, District No. 6,	$ 12	67
Thomas M. Smith, " " 1,	7	16
Louis N. Lincoln, " " 3,	6	00
S. P. Gove, " " 4,	9	75
James Creed, " " 4,		50
Levi L. Worrick, Jr., " " 5,	7	41
Mathew Mulvey, " " 5,	2	94
Isaac S. Pratt, " " 8,	4	83
Francis Litchfield, " " 2,	1	50
Daniel Sullivan, " " 2,		67
	$ 53	43

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

High School.

Teachers' salaries,	$700 00
Charles H. Willard, coal,	56 25
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	3 00
George H. Barker, making fires,	9 75
Wood from Almshouse,	16 00
George Whittington and Caleb Lothrop, making fires,	26 00
	$811 00

North School.

Teachers' salaries,	$260 00
John Willcutt, making fires, 1864,	12 00
Wood from Almshouse,	30 00
	$302 00

Centre School.

Teachers' salaries,	$260 00
Louis N. Lincoln, wood,	4 50
Charles H. Willard, coal,	32 25
Wood from Almshouse,	9 75
George H. Barker, making fires, &c.,	9 00
	$315 50

South School.

Teachers' salaries,	$256 00
Charles H. Willard, coal,	37 88
Caleb Nichols, wood,	4 50
John Pratt, making fires,	8 00
George W. Cousins, making fires and sawing wood,	4 75
	$311 13

Beech-Wood School.

Teachers' salaries,	$256 00
Minot Pratt, wood,	19 05
Silas Bates, wood,	4 00
Isaac S. Pratt, wood,	4 62
A. J. Bates, sawing wood,	2 85
John W. Bates, housing wood,	2 25
John H. Morgan, making fires,	11 00
	$299 77

Jerusalem School.

Teacher's salary,	$160 00
David Beal, wood,	26 00
George Manuel, making fires,	5 50
	$191 50

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Edward E. Ellms,	$82 26

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

25 members' amount of poll tax, 1863,	$50 00
William W. Studley, steward,	20 00
Gove & Pratt, oil and setting glass,	6 29
E. E. Ellms, castor oil,	60
M. B. Stetson & Co., kerosene,	63
Beal's Express, packing for engine,	1 15
Samuel Bates, watering-pot,	63
David Beal and others, watching fire,	12 00
Zacheus L. Beal, refreshments for Hingham Fire Co.,	7 97
	$99 27

HIGHWAY TAXES, 1862.

Returned by Surveyors.

Thomas Smith,	District No. 1,	$6 55
Samuel Nichols,	" " 1,	4 48
Martin Lincoln,	" " 2,	11 61
Louis N. Lincoln,	" " 3,	19 23
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.,	" " 5,	5 85
Orrin R. Beal,	" " 6,	41 06
Warren Bates,	" " 7,	11 00
Solomon L. Damon,	" " 8,	96
Francis L. Bates,	" " 9,	14 21
		$114 95

FLAG AND STAFF.

Whiton, Brother, & Co., cordage,	$5 60

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Gardner M. Jones, blasting rocks on Jerusalem Road,	$100 00
Abraham H. Tower, gravel, and use of gundalo,	13 25
Ezekiel Bates, "	10 15
Caleb F. Nichols, "	4 40
Abraham Hall, " and labor,	4 59
Aaron Pratt, "	6 10
Isaac S. Pratt, "	1 50
Rachel Lincoln, "	3 00
Caleb Nichols, wharfage of gravel,	1 50
Isaac Kent, labor and stock, railing roads and bridges,	26 79
Warren Orcutt, labor " " " "	1 25
	$172 53

RECRUITING OF VOLUNTEERS.

Thomas M. Smith, transportation of recruits, &c.,	$38 30
Martin Lincoln, cash paid incidental expenses,	27 27
M. B. Stetson and Co., for wood,	8 50
William W. Studley, sawing wood and making fires, &c.,	22 50
David S. G. Doane, cash paid to recruits,	7 40
F. A. Searle, posters,	4 00
Samuel Bates, wicking,	38
Martin Lincoln, services,	67 50
Charles Pratt, "	18 00
Ezra Brown, "	31 50
" cash paid transportation recruits,	11 00
	$236 35

STATE AID.

Amount paid to families of soldiers from February 10, 1863, to February 10, 1864,	$4,751 13

STATE, COUNTY, AND BOUNTY TAX.

State tax, 1863,	$2,880 00
County tax, 1863,	890 59
Bounty tax,	4,102 37
	$7,872 96

ABATEMENT OF TAXES —	1859,	$12 91
	1860,	15 52
	1861,	78 08
	1862,	167 57
	1863,	347 17
		$621 25

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen —	Martin Lincoln,	$30 00
	Charles Pratt,	30 00
	Ezra Brown,	30 00
		$90 00
Assessors —	Martin Lincoln,	$50 00
	Zenas Stoddard,	50 00
	Caleb F. Nichols,	50 00
		$150 00
Treasurer and Collector —	Abraham H. Tower, Jr.,	$125 00
Town Clerk —	Newcomb Bates, Jr.,	$32 40
School Committee —	Joseph Osgood,	$39 75
	Edward Tower,	30 00
	L. Webster Bates,	31 00
		$100 75

MISCELLANEOUS.

S. P. Gove, fees on taxes abated,	$17 38
" " posting warrants, Feburary, 1863,	3 00
Thomas Smith, sheep killed by dogs,	17 00
Newcomb Bates, Jr., licenses 72 dogs,	7 20
David S. G. Doane, notifying dog owners,	2 50
James Beal, " " "	2 50
" " services as constable and truant officer,	9 75
" " carriage hire for assessors,	2 25
David S. G. Doane, services as truant officer,	4 00
Newcomb Bates, Jr., record book, &c., for soldiers,	8 67
Thomas M. Smith, carriage hire, 1862,	4 25
Amount carried forward,	$78 50

Amount brought forward,	$78 50
Beal's Express, transportation,	3 30
Edmund Estes, entertainment of soldier,	3 00
E. E. Ellms, stationery,	2 53
Edward Tower, postage,	2 12
David W. Whitcomb, perambulating town lines, 1862,	2 00
Caleb Lothrop and others, distributing town reports,	1 75
Philander Bates, cash paid for liquor,	86 99
" " " " " "	20 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., cash for stamps, postage, &c.,	9 58
	$209 77

RECAPITULATION.

Bills outstanding February 10, 1863,	$91 00
Removing snow,	53 43
Town House,	54 12
Printing,	106 61
Repairs on schoolhouses,	212 19
Support of schools,	2,230 90
School books,	82 26
Fire Department,	99 27
Highway deficiencies,	114 95
Flag and staff,	5 60
Roads and bridges,	172 53
Recruiting of volunteers,	236 36
State aid to families of soldiers,	4,751 13
State, county, and bounty taxes,	7,872 96
Abatement of taxes,	621 25
Town officers,	397 40
School Committee's services,	100 75
Miscellaneous,	209 77
Overseers of the Poor's orders,	2,801 04
	$20,213 52
Deduct wood from Almshouse to schools,	55 75
Amount of orders drawn upon Treasurer,	$20,157 77

Financial Condition of the Town February 10, 1864.

Amount of funded debt, old issue, 1858, as follows, viz: —

Hingham Savings Institution, four notes, due April 2, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867,		$3,500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, eight notes, due April 1, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875,		8,000 00
Estate Caroline L. Tower, one note, due April 24, 1867,		500 00
		$12,000 00

Amount of funded debt issued 1863: —

Cohasset Mutual Fire Insurance Company, one note, due April 1, 1868,	$500 00	
Caleb L. Bates, one note, April 1, 1869,	100 00	
Bela Bates, one note, April 1, 1869,	200 00	
George W. Whitcomb, one note, April 1, 1869,	200 00	
Lewis Willcutt, one note, April 1, 1870,	500 00	
Henry Doane, Jr., one note, April 1, 1871,	500 00	
Henry Doane, Jr., one note, April 1, 1872,	500 00	
Levi Lincoln, one note, April 1, 1873,	500 00	
Calvin Merriam, one note, April 1, 1874,	500 00	
Calvin Merriam, one note, April 1, 1875,	500 00	
Cohasset Savings Bank, five notes, due April 1, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880,	5,000 00	
		$9,000 00

Notes outstanding, payable on demand.

Cohasset Savings Bank, four,	$3,500 00	
Emily Bates, one,	450 00	
Clarintha V. Stoddard, one,	300 00	
Rufus Bates, Jr., one,	250 00	
Levi Pratt, one (balance),	250 00	
John A. Treat, one,	200 00	
Albert F. Barnes, one,	200 00	
Thomas O. Hayden, one,	175 00	
Thomas Morey, one,	150 00	
Alonzo L. Palmer, one,	150 00	
Eustis W. Tilden, one (balance),	100 00	
Andrew M. Hyland, one,	100 00	
Joseph W. Fish, one,	100 00	
James M. Sweeney, one,	100 00	
Frederic Bates, one,	75 00	6,100 00
Total amount of outstanding notes,		$27,100 00

Assets of the Town February 10, 1864.

Amount due from State of Massachusetts, for aid to families of volunteers to January 1, 1864,	$4,724 84
Amount paid on same account, from January 1 to date,	367 00
Amount due from Town of Scituate, per bill rendered,	18 44
Amount due from Town of Hull, schooling, 1863,	15 00
Amount due from Zealous Bates, for support of J. E. Bates to February 1, 1864,	69 38
Amount carried forward,	$5,194 66

Amount brought forward,	$5,194 66	
Amount due from S. L. Damon, labor, &c., at Almshouse,	35 60	
Amount due from Z. L. Beal, ploughing,	3 50	
Amount due from F. J. Damon, wood,	1 25	
Amount due from Sarah Lincoln, hauling wood,	2 25	
Amount due from Joseph Gracia, hauling wood,	5 00	
Amount due from United States, premiums on recruits,	180 00	
Balance in treasury,	1,821 95	7,244 21
Actual town debt,		$19,855 79

Amount of town debt February 10, 1863,	$22,419 15
" " " " " " 1864,	19,855 79
Reduction of debt from last year,	$2,563 36

Respectfully submitted.

MARTIN LINCOLN,
CHARLES PRATT,
EZRA BROWN,
} *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1864.

Almshouse Account, Dr.

To Stock on hand February 2, 1863,	$1,154 82
Keeper's salary,	150 00
James Bullard, wooden and tin ware,	11 16
Thomas M. Smith, Town Agent,	4 40
Albert V. Barnes, cobbling,	3 47
C. F. Nichols, dry goods and groceries,	189 93
J. Q. A. Lothrop, flour and meal,	193 54
Warren Bates, live stock,	189 54
Charles H. Wood, live stock,	40 00
Howard Pratt, groceries and standing wood,	42 40
Z. L. Beal & Co., dry goods and groceries,	88 36
James Willcutt, standing wood,	18 00
David Beal, rockweed and apples,	11 50
Caleb Nichols, auctioneer standing wood,	25 63
Ezekiel Bates, use of stock,	1 00
Abraham Lincoln, standing wood,	11 62
K. W. Barnes, pasturage,	8 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., dry goods and groceries,	114 27
F. J. Damon, blacksmithing,	18 37
Amos Tilden, "	13 44
Charles Howard, repairing plough,	82
William Bates, standing wood,	4 12
E. E. Ellms, medicine and groceries,	59 43
J. O. Lawrence, groceries,	43 63
Samuel Bates, range and hardware,	33 11
Levi L. Worrick, horse hire and labor,	5 07
Lot S. Vinal, oak boards,	3 75
Bourne & Nickerson, meat,	99 70
D. Tower, oil,	11
Amount carried forward,	$2,539 19

Amount brought forward,		$2,539 19
John Burbank, making cider,		1 00
Dr. Fordyce Foster, medical attendance,		17 00
" " " " "	1862,	5 00
T. L. Burbank, cobbling,		4 24
Charles Burbank, butchering,		5 50
Richard Bourne, meat,		4 63
Overseers' services,		45 00
Calvin Merriam, groceries,		2 54
Total amount, debtor,		$2,624 10

Almshouse Account, Cr.

By 6½ tons English hay,	$130 00
4 tons salt hay,	40 00
Cornfodder and straw,	5 00
6 bushels barley,	8 70
3 hogs,	36 00
1 pair oxen,	150 00
2 cows,	80 00
5½ cords pine wood,	30 25
10½ " hard "	84 00
5 " sawed and split wood,	35 00
11 " trash "	33 00
12 " soft "	72 00
200 feet pine boards,	3 00
3 plows,	14 50
1 harrow,	8 00
Yokes and drag,	10 00
Hoes, bars, and rakes,	4 00
Baskets, forks, and shovels,	7 50
Cattle ties, rigging, and tub,	4 50
Axes, picks, and wedges,	12 00
Amount carried forward,	$767 45

Amount brought forward,	$767 45
800 lbs. clear pork,	104 00
700 lbs. mess beef,	63 00
1 barrel cider,	3 00
1 barrel vinegar,	7 00
100 lbs. ham,	13 00
1½ barrels apples,	4 50
2 " soft soap,	12 00
75 bushels potatoes,	56 25
15 " roots,	7 50
20 casks, 33 barrels,	20 00
2½ bushels meal,	3 50
1½ " rye,	2 25
9 " corn,	13 05
Fresh beef,	2 50
⅓ barrel flour,	3 33
100 lbs. lard,	15 00
5 gallons molasses,	3 00
10 lbs. tea,	9 30
19 " soap,	1 90
75 " dried apples,	7 50
7 " raisins,	1 54
72 " candles,	10 80
Rice, cheese, and fish,	1 75
1½ bushels beans,	4 88
5 stoves, and funnel,	30 00
25 fowls,	12 50
Earthen and tin ware,	20 00
Wash machine, measures, and churn,	9 00
13 chains, 2 ladders,	8 00
1 ox wagon	55 00
1 " cart,	30 00
1 " sled,	11 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,313 50

Amount brought forward,	$1,313 50
Posts and rails,	3 00
Saws, sawhorse, and trough,	5 50
Grindstone and barrow,	5 00
Scythes and snaths,	4 00
Spices, tobacco, oil, and wick,	2 00
10 yards bro. cotton,	4 30
Stock on hand February 1, 1864,	$1,337 30

Almshouse Account, by Sales, &c., Cr.

By Town of Scituate, 171 weeks' board, at $ 2.15 per week,	$367 65
Board of William Hayden's family,	146 29
Bourne & Nickerson, 1 calf,	6 00
" " 1,695 lbs. beef,	135 60
" " 1 cow,	50 00
" " 1 hide,	6 00
" " 1 "	5 60
" " 50 lbs. tallow,	4 00
C. F. Nichols, half cord wood,	3 00
F. J. Damon, two feet "	1 25
High School, two cords "	16 00
North " three " "	24 00
" " one " "	6 00
Centre " one and one half cords wood,	9 75
Lewis Lincoln, ploughing,	4 50
Z. L. Beal, "	3 50
Adam Cushing, "	3 00
Isaac Pratt, "	3 00
Mrs. Mulvey, wood,	7 50
Caleb Nichols, carting wood,	3 60
David Vinal, wood,	3 00
Amount carried forward,	$809 24

Amount brought forward,	$809 24
Patrick Connolly, wood,	7 50
James Breen, "	9 00
Dawes Nott, "	5 50
Joseph Gracia, carting wood,	5 00
Betsy Lincoln, " "	75
Antoin Lawrence, " "	1 25
Sarah Lincoln, " "	2 25
Mrs. Mulvey, labor,	1 75
	842 24
Amount of stock on hand,	1,337 30
Total amount, credit,	$2,179 54
Debit, brought forward,	$2,624 10
Credit, " "	2,179 54
Almshouse debtor to balance,	$444 56

Expense of inmates of Almshouse, 416 weeks, at 1.06\frac{4}{5}\frac{5}{2}$ per week, $444 56

Support and Relief of Persons outside of Almshouse for year ending February 1, 1864.

Dr.

To S. L. Hospital, board for D. Willcutt,	$149 87
" " " " J. E. Bates,	138 75
" " " " J. J. Lothrop,	158 48
" " " " B. P. Towle,	82 21
Amount carried forward,	$529 31

Amount brought forward,	$529 31
To S. L. Hospital, board for H. S. Litchfield,	54 42
City of Boston, " " M. A. Hayward,	74 58
" " assistance to S. P. Joy,	15 75
" " " " E. Sterling,	14 00
Town of Abington, " " S. V. Bates,	15 50
Town of Hingham, " " Hayden,	4 00
James Doran, board for E. B. Gilbert,	88 00
Assistance to Mrs. Mulvey:	
Charles Willard's bill, coal,	26 00
E. E. Ellms's bill, groceries,	106 00
Job Cushing's bill, pasturage,	9 00
Assistance to Mrs. S. Pratt:	
C. F. Nichols's bill, groceries,	37 05
Charles Willard's bill, coal,	13 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop's bill, flour,	17 00
Abraham Hall's bill, groceries,	14 03
D. W. Whitcomb's bill, wood,	4 00
Assistance to Mrs. Lambert:	
C. F. Nichols's bill, groceries,	83 90
Samuel Bates's bill, stove lining,	1 87
Charles Willard's bill, coal,	2 38
Assistance to William Hayden:	
C. F. Nichols's bill, groceries,	32 18
Lot Bates's bill, carting,	4 00
Assistance to Ellen Litchfield, of Scituate:	
Howard Pratt's bill, groceries,	11 95
Bourne & Nickerson, meat for Mrs. Mulvey, 1862,	23 50
Jeremy Towle, undertaker for Mr. Ainslee,	6 00
Charles Willard, coal for J. McCloud,	3 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood for J. McCloud,	4 75
Dr. F. Foster, medical attendance on Mrs. Ellms, of Scituate,	4 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,199 17

Amount brought forward,	$1,199 17
Dr. F. Foster, medical attendance on	
Joseph Damon, of Scituate,	1 00
Josiah Mann, "	10 00
Henry Powers's family,	10 00
Aaron Pratt's "	20 00
John Tower's "	7 00
Mrs. Lambert,	10 00
Mrs. Wheelwright,	5 00
Dr. Ezra Stephenson, on I. Phinney's family,	18 00
Assistance to Susan Hathorne,	6 88
Expense on Mary Sylvester, of Scituate,	5 00
Outside expenses, debtor,	$1,292 05

Cr.

By cash received of J. J. Lothrop,	$158 48
due of J. E. Bates,	69 38
" Scituate, for E. Litchfield,	11 95
" " " Mrs. Ellms,	4 00
" " " J. Damon,	1 00
" " " J. Mann,	10 00
" " " Mrs. Hathorne,	3 44
" " " Mary Sylvester,	5 00
Outside expenses, credit,	$263 25
Outside expenses, debtor, to balance,	$1,028 80

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Repairs on Buildings:	
Samuel Nichols, whitewashing,	$6 25
A. S. Litchfield, labor,	1 75
D. Cushing, 2d, lumber,	7 00
Amount carried forward,	$15 00

Amount brought forward,	$15 00
John Pratt, labor,	9 75
Thomas A. Bates, labor and stock,	14 40
Simeon P. Gove, glazing,	2 25
Amount of repairs,	$41 40

James Beal, carting,	$5 75
Lot Bates,	$4 00

Respectfully submitted.

C. F. NICHOLS,
LOT BATES,
Z. L. BEAL,
} *Overseers of Poor of Cohasset.*

DOG ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To paid David S. G. Doane, for notifying owners,	$2 50
James Beal, " " "	2 50
Newcomb Bates, Jr., for printing licenses,	2 00
" " " (Town Clerk,) 72 license fees, at 10 cents . . .	7 20
Thomas Smith, for sheep killed by dogs,	17 00
Balance in treasury . . .	133 60
	$164 80

Cr.

By balance from former account . . .	$92 80
cash of Town Clerk for 72 licenses, at $1.00,	72 00
	$164 80

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

Dr.

To cash and liquors of former Agent,	$14 59	
of Town Treasurer . .	106 99	
To cash for one bbl. . . .	1 00	
amount of sales from June 17, 1863, to date . . .	307 55	
amount of liquors on hand .	83 31	
		$513 44

Cr.

By cash paid for liquors to date .	$331 46	
U. S. license to May 1, 1864 . . .	13 33	
Beal's Express . .	9 38	
for demijohn and funnel,	3 75	
Agent's salary to date,	22 55	
cash in hands of Agent . .	49 66	
liquors on hand . . .	83 31	
		$513 44

PHILANDER BATES, *Agent.*

COHASSET, February 10, 1864.

DR. TOWN OF COHASSET *in Account with*

1863–64.

To paid amount of Selectmen's orders drawn to date,		$5,020 43
"	appropriation for school teaching, expended,	1,892 00
"	county tax, 1863,	890 59
"	state tax, 1863,	2,880 00
"	bounty tax, 1863,	4,102 37
"	state aid to families of volunteers,	4,751 13
"	abatement of taxes, by Assessors' orders,	621 25
"	discount on taxes, paid to October 1st,	570 64
"	Henry Doane, Jr., 4 notes due April 1, 1863,	800 00
"	Lewis Willcutt, 2 notes due April 1, 1863,	200 00
"	Cohasset Savings Bank, 4 demand notes,	5,000 00
"	Hingham Savings Bank, 1 demand note,	500 00
"	Calvin Merriam, 1 " "	800 00
"	Lewis Willcutt, 1 " "	450 00
"	Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., 1 demand note,	340 00
"	Harrison P. Snow, 1 demand note,	200 00
"	Thomas Williston, 1 " "	200 00
"	Bela Bates, 1 " "	175 00
"	George W. Whitcomb, 1 " "	150 00
"	Franklin J. Damon, 1 " "	100 00
"	William A. Lewis, 1 " "	100 00
"	John Studley, 1 " "	100 00
"	William Randall, 1 " "	100 00
"	Caleb F. B. Tilden, 1 " "	100 00
"	Stephen Lincoln, 1 " "	100 00
"	William H. Pratt, 1 " "	100 00
"	Charles A. Gross, 1 " "	100 00
"	John Clark, 1 " "	100 00
"	Caleb L. Bates, 1 " "	90 00
"	Richard H. Lincoln, 1 " "	75 00
"	Elias W. Bourne, 1 " "	75 00
"	Isaiah Lincoln, 1 " " (balance)	70 00
"	Lyman D. Willcutt, 1 " "	50 00
"	Sylvanus F. Treat, 1 " " (balance)	50 00
"	Eustis W. Tilden, on account, 1 demand note,	25 00
"	Notes given for hired money, (transient),	1,700 00
"	Interest on Town's notes, and hired money,	1,638 58
To balance, in treasury,		1,821 95
		$36,038 94

COHASSET, February 10, 1864.

A. H. TOWER, JR., *Treasurer.* CR.

1863–64.

By balance from former account,		$345 37
By rec'd for board of Josephine E. Bates to Feb. 1, 1863,		79 88
" of town of Scituate for board of poor to Feb. 1, 1863,		284 00
" " " " " to Feb. 1, 1864,		384 60
" " Hingham for supplies, &c., 1862,		19 17
" " Hull, schooling, &c., to March, 1863,		22 78
" of John J. Lothrop, for support of his son at hospital, Taunton, to Jan. 1, 1864,		192 91
" of Overseers of Poor for board of Wm. Hayden,		146 29
" of Bourne & Nickerson, am't due Almshouse, 1862,		73 78
" " " " " 1863,		207 20
" of C. F. Nichols, " " 1862,		8 16
" " " " 1863,		11 06
" of S. L. Damon and others, " " 1862,		12 93
" of Samuel Nichols, " " 1862,		5 62
" of Wm. W. Studley, " " 1860,		3 00
" of sale of grass, Strait's Pond Flats,		65 80
" of State of Mass., am't of school fund, 1863,		90 20
" " " reimbursement of bounties,		5,100 00
" " " " of State aid,		2,443 86
" of town of Hanson, State bounty for four men,		400 00
" of Cohasset Savings Bank, interest Ripley Fund,		50 00
" of Town Clerk, for dog licenses 1863,		72 00
" of United States, for enrolment services 1862,		41 00
" of L. N. Lincoln, for income Town Hall,		28 00
" int. in adjustment of notes, and disc't on county tax,		50 60
" money hired in anticipation of taxes,		3,700 00
" " on funded notes dated April 1, 1863,		9,000 00
" on account taxes 1862, additional,		2 00
" amount of taxes 1863, per list,		13,198 73
		$36,038 94

A. H. TOWER, JR., *Treasurer.*

LIST OF VOLUNTEERS

Who have entered the United States Service since May, 1861.

Arnold, Daniel P., 38th Regiment.
Arnold, George, " "
Arnold, Edward H., 38th Regiment.
Ainslie, Peter, U. S. N.
Ainslie, Henry, U. S. N.

Beal, Samuel, 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Beal, James S., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Bates, James L., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Bates, Lincoln, U. S. N.
Bates, Joseph J., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Bates, Bela, 38th Regiment.
Barnes, Albert F., 24th Regiment.
Bourne, Ezekiel P., 12th Regiment.
Bates, Cyrus, 45th Regiment.
Bourne, Elias W., 45th Regiment.
Bates, Caleb L., 45th Regiment.
Bates, John F., 4th Cavalry Regiment.
Beal, Robert Y., U. S. N.
Barnes, John, 3d Co. H. Artillery.
Barnes, John O., 4th Cavalry Regiment.

Crane, Franklin J., 7th Regiment.
Carl, William R., 41st Regiment.
Couilard, David J., 3d Co. H. Artillery.
Clark, John, 3d Co. H. Artillery.
Conner, Moses, 29th Regiment.
Curtis, Alonzo, U. S. N.

Doane, J. Foster, 1st Regiment.
Dunster, Samuel K., 24th Regiment.
Davis, Joseph R., 11th Mass. Battery.

Davis, Charles F., 3d Co. H. Artillery.
Dinsmore, John H., Engineer U. S. N.

Fish, Joseph W., 38th Regiment.
Fuller, Warren, 32d Regiment.
Fish, George A., 2d Co. H. Artillery.

Groce, Leander W., Co. H. Artillery.
Gibbs, Thomas O. S., 44th Regiment.
Gross, Charles A., 45th Regiment.

Henry, Harrison, 24th Regiment.
Hayden, Thomas O., 38th Regiment.
Hayden, John G., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Hardwick, Henry C., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Haskell, Alfred, 3d Co. H. Artillery.
Harris, William F., Jr., 3d Co. H. Artillery.
Hayden, Solomon J., Co. D. H. Artillery.

Kane, Thomas, 3d Co. H. Artillery.

Linsey, Alexander, U. S. N.
Litchfield, George A., 32d Regiment.
Lincoln, Stephen P., U. S. N.
Lincoln, Daniel B., " " "
Leithead, George F., 19th Regiment.
Lincoln, Stephen, 45th Regiment.
Lincoln, Richard H., 45th Regiment.
Lincoln, Alfred W., U. S. N.
Litchfield, Joseph W., U. S. N.

Morey, George T., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Morey, Oliver L., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Manuel, John L., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Minot, Leonard W., 18th Regiment.
Morse, William H., 2d Co. H. Artillery.
Minot, Levi L., 3d Co. H. Artillery.

Murphy, Thomas, Co. D. H. Artillery.
Manise, Joseph, " " " "

Nott, Dawes, 12th Regiment.
Newcomb, Warren, Co. D. H. Artillery.

Orcutt, John, 20th Regiment.
Oakes, B. Franklin, 24th Regiment.

Phinney, Isaac, 35th Regiment.
Pratt, Charles A., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Pratt, Charles H., U. S. Sappers and Miners.
Pratt, Nichols, U. S. N.
Poole, Amos L., 26th Regiment.
Pelby, Forrester A., 1st Regiment.
Prouty, George H., 32d Regiment.
Palmer, Alonzo L., 2d Co. H. Artillery.
Pratt, William H., 45th Regiment.
Pratt, Gustavus, Assistant Surgeon, 19th Regiment.
Powers, Henry, U. S. N.

Ripley, Martin T., 32d Regiment.
Richards, John J., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Randall, William, 44th Regiment.
Remington, William H., 3d Co. H. Artillery.
Rooney, James Jr., 4th Cavalry Regiment.

Simpson, Oliver E., 1st Regiment.
Stoddard, Zenas, Jr., U. S. Sappers and Miners.
Smith, William L., 2d Regiment D. C. Guards.
Shaw, Robert B., 32d Regiment.
Spooner, George, 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Spear, Thomas F., U. S. N.
Sweeney, James M., 45th Regiment.
Sewall, George W., 47th Regiment.
Shays, James, 30th Regiment.
Studley, Andrew J., 6th Regiment.

Treat, John A., 14th Regiment.
Treat, Sylvanus F., 14th Regiment.
Tilden, Caleb F. B., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Tower, John W., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Tower, Francis H., 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Towle, Joseph M., 32d Regiment.
Thayer, William F., 1st Regiment.
Tower, George B. N., Engineer U. S. N.
Thayer, Anselm, 32d Regiment.
Tower, Thomas, 2d Co. H. Artillery.
Tower, Levi C., 2d " " "
Tilden, Eustice W., 2d Co. H. Artillery.
Tower, Isaac, 2d Co. H. Artillery.
Thayer, Willie F., 4th Cavalry Regiment.

Williston Thomas, 38th Regiment.
Whittington, Hiram, U. S. N.
Wells, Charles F., 1st Regiment.
Williams, Andrew W., U. S. Sappers and Miners.
Willcutt, Elbridge, U. S. Sappers and Miners.
Whittier, Charles, 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Whittier, William, 1st Co. H. Artillery.
Whittier, Leavet, 39th Regiment.
Willcutt, Lyman D., 45th Regiment.
West, Charles H., 29th Regiment.
Wheelright, Lewis L., Co. D. H. Artillery.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR 1863-64.

BOSTON:

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No. 40, CONGRESS STREET.

1864.

REPORT.

In accordance with the requirements of a statute law of the Commonwealth, the School Committee of Cohasset respectfully submit to the town their Annual Report.

It gives them pleasure to be able to report all the schools as having been successful during the year. In all much labor has been performed by the teachers, and the pupils have made good progress in learning, especially when their attendance has been regular and constant.

The following table exhibits the statistics of the schools.

	WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS.		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	
	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.
Jerusalem District	32	28	21 2-5	19
North Grammar School	39	37	34	33
North Primary ,,	32	30	21	19½
Centre Grammar ,,	54	51	38	37
Centre Primary ,,	43	41	29	27
South Grammar ,,	39	34	30	25
South Primary ,,	43	37	33	31
Beechwoods District	57	62	46	47
High School ,,	105	93	55½	61
In all the schools	444	413	307 9-10	299½
In all the schools the year before	477	470	347	329
Decrease of the last year since the year before	33	57	39 1-10	29½

The whole number of children May 1, 1863, was 410, being 30 less than the year before.

In this table the average attendance of the first twenty weeks of the school-year is given for the summer term; that of the last twenty, for the winter term. By this arrangement, which is used in making our returns to the Secretary of the

Board of Education, we do not give the average for any particular term. Thus, the average attendance in the High School, for the winter term, was 72; but seven weeks of the fall term, whose average was 41, having been added, makes the given average of 61.

A large proportion of the children belonging to our schools have been very constant in their attendance, and it may be said that nearly all such have made good progress in learning. But there are many children, especially boys, who have been permitted to be absent often without any sufficient reason, who have formed habits of idleness, sometimes of truancy, who have failed to acquire any interest in study, or desire for learning, and who, consequently, have made no improvement. There are some boys who not only fail to derive any benefit from our schools, but, by their idleness, their frequenting the streets, and roaming the fields, their ill-manners, and inclination to mischief, are preparing themselves for dissolute and miserable lives, are a nuisance to the public, and are liable to tempt and lead astray those who would otherwise be virtuous and well-inclined.

It is unfortunate that we have no power to save such from ignorance and moral ruin before it is too late, or to protect the innocent and well-disposed from their pernicious example. There is an urgent necessity for the establishment of institutions by the State, or counties, where such children may be restrained, cared for, and instructed in learning and good morals.

During the year there has been a change made in the arithmetics used in the schools, Eaton's having been substituted for Davies & Greenleaf's Primary; and also in the spelling-books, Worcester's having been substituted for those before in use. These changes have caused no expense to the scholars, as old books were taken for the new ones; and the teachers, as well as the Committee, think that books of an excellent character have been obtained, which will not soon need to be changed.

THE JERUSALEM SCHOOL

Was commenced under the charge of Miss Ellen Lincoln, who engaged in her work with great energy, and gave promise of being a successful teacher. But after teaching for a few weeks, having been invited to a more desirable situation, she relinquished her charge to her sister, Miss Mary Lincoln, who

was employed to teach till the close of the year. The school has always appeared well when visited, the scholars have seemed to be interested in the school and their studies, and at the closing examination, there was evidence that good improvement had been made. The classes in arithmetic and spelling were especially worthy of commendation. There were also very creditable specimens of composition read. The school never seemed to be in a better state.

THE NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Has been continued under the charge of Miss MARTHA J. BATES. The work of the school has been steadily carried on, and many of the scholars have made good progress in learning. As the scholars have been, for the most part, younger than usual, with fewer to leave for the High School, there were not many far advanced in their studies at the closing examination. The reading of the school was very creditable; while the examination in spelling, arithmetic, and English grammar, was satisfactory.

THE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Was taught during the summer and fall terms, by Miss ELIZA H. TOWER. The school, while under her care, was in a highly satisfactory condition. She had the happy faculty of securing good order, of gaining the love of her pupils, and of advancing them rapidly in learning.

At the beginning of the winter term, Miss TOWER was appointed assistant teacher in the High School, and Miss EMILY L. BATES succeeded her as teacher. The school has been small during the winter, but has appeared well when visited, and has seemed to be well taught and managed by Miss BATES.

THE CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss ABBY N. BATES has continued to teach this school, and has accomplished a great amount of labor during the year, with successful results. The children have been very faithfully and thoroughly taught in arithmetic; grammar has received a good degree of attention; and at the closing examination, the

exercises in this branch, and the exercises in spelling, were highly satisfactory. Writing also has been diligently attended to, and the improvement of many of the scholars has been very creditable.

THE CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Has been continued under the instruction of Miss CLARA B. BRIGGS. Miss BRIGGS has been a very successful teacher. She has gained the love of her pupils, interested them in the studies and exercises of the school, and assisted them to make rapid progress in learning to read and spell, as well as in the first principles of arithmetic and geography.

THE SOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Was continued with its usual success through the summer and fall terms, by Miss MARCIA P. TOWER. As there was no examination at the close of her term of teaching, the Committee are not prepared to give any particular report of its state at that time. At the commencement of the winter, Miss M. ANNA RICH took charge of the school, and has taught it through the term. This has been Miss RICH's first experience as a teacher, and a school of the character of this requires great wisdom and energy to secure success. The Committee think that she has succeeded well in her management and instruction of the school, that she has shown energy and interest in her work, and given promise of becoming an efficient teacher. The best results are hoped for the school, should it be continued under her charge.

THE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Has been continued under the charge of Miss MYRA L. BEAL. This school has been large, and demanded great industry and effort on the part of the teacher. Miss BEAL has shown herself to be deeply interested in her school, has labored assiduously, has gained the love of her pupils, and has accomplished a great deal for their progress in learning.

THE BEECHWOODS SCHOOL

Was commenced in the spring, under the charge of Miss MARY LINCOLN; but proving to be too large and difficult for her

strength, after teaching for a few weeks, she resigned her position, to take charge of the Jerusalem School. As the school was then large, and needed efficient discipline, it was thought best to secure the services of a teacher who would be sure to succeed in governing, and teaching it satisfactorily. Mr. L. Webster Bates was, therefore, employed to take the school, and teach it till the close of the school-year. As he required higher compensation than is paid to female teachers, the services of an assistant primary teacher for the winter term have been dispensed with.

The school, under Mr. Bates's instruction, has been successfully conducted, the order has always been good when the school has been visited; and, while the older scholars have appeared to be orderly, interested in the school, and in their studies, the younger scholars have not been neglected, but seem to have learned as rapidly as when there has been a primary school, — especially those who have been constant in their attendance. Very creditable improvement has been made in penmanship, and in arithmetic, and some of the older scholars have studied book-keeping with diligence and success.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Has been continued under the instruction of Mr. Robert F. Leighton. The discipline of the school through the year has been good, a great amount of work has been accomplished in it, many of the scholars have studied hard, and by their diligence, interest, and improvement, have shown their appreciation of the school, and the high educational advantages that may be derived from it. Some of the older pupils, who have for a number of years enjoyed the advantages of instruction in the High School, have made very good progress in the higher branches of education; and one young lady is about to enter one of the Normal Schools, for which she is eminently qualified by her scholarly spirit and attainments. Two young ladies also, one of whom has been a member of the school this year, and the other left the school last year, have been employed as teachers in our schools, with the promise of being highly successful.

There are, however, some scholars in this school who fail to make any satisfactory progress in learning. This arises from the fact, that as pupils are admitted by age, not by qualifica-

tions, there are some children in the High School, who would be more appropriately taught in the grammar, or even in the primary schools. Then there are some mentally incapable of learning without extraordinary pains being devoted to them; others have no love for study, or interest in learning; and there are others capable of becoming good scholars, whose attendance is so irregular, that they derive but little benefit from the school.

But with these exceptions, the progress of the scholars has been highly creditable; and never before since the institution of the school, have there been scholars, of similar age, so far advanced in learning as some of the pupils of the past year.

Without referring to the particular studies pursued in the school, a word should be said in commendation of the attention and time which the teacher has devoted to instructing the older boys in book-keeping, and the diligence and devotedness with which they have pursued this study.

Miss Sophronia P. Oakes was employed as assistant teacher for twelve weeks during the spring, and part of the summer term; but her health failing, she was relieved from her duties for the remainder of the summer, and the fall term. As the school was not large, it was thought best not to procure a substitute, but to employ some of the older pupils to assist in teaching, especially as Miss Oakes had proved herself to be a very efficient and valuable teacher, and the Committee were unwilling to lose her services. But she having become more unwell, so as to be wholly unable to resume her connection with the school, Miss Eliza H. Tower was employed in her place during the winter term. The scholars in Miss Tower's department have appeared to be in good order and doing well when visited by the Committee; and as she was very successful as the teacher of a primary school, they hoped for her like success in her present position.

By dispensing with an assistant teacher during part of the summer and the fall term, a saving of sixty dollars has been effected for the town.

In this detailed report of the particular schools which has been given, their general success has been affirmed, and some of the particular excellences in different schools have been noticed and commended; while important deficiences, which have not been unnoticed by the Committee, have not been

alluded to. The Committee have pursued this course of criticism this year, because they are convinced that in each school there has been a great amount of work accomplished, much progress made by the scholars in learning, and that every teacher should be sustained and continued in office.

But for the benefit of the teachers, and that the schools may become more efficient, they would notice some branches which require especial attention.

The most important branch taught in our schools is reading. A child can make but little progress in other studies till he can read with ease and tolerable correctness; and to be able to read intelligently, with a pure tone of voice, correct pronunciation, distinct and forcible utterance, and the right inflexions, requires a great deal of correct and diligent training. No other branch of education is more worthy of the time and attention of teachers and scholars. Yet, in most of the schools, the reading has been very unsatisfactory. All children of ordinary abilities, who attend school regularly, ought to be able to read with ease and fluency by the time they are eight or nine years old. But there are many in our schools who fail to do this, while those who acquire the art of reading with facility, are often deficient in important respects. In most of the schools, the children fail to acquire a clear, distinct, forcible utterance, and a pure tone of voice; in some schools, they acquire a nasal tone; in some, they fail to give the proper sounds of some of the letters; in one school, and partially in another, they greatly impair the beauty of their reading by breaking up their sentences into clauses, entirely subversive of the sense; and in none of the schools are sufficient pains taken to develop and exercise the organs of speech, and secure distinct articulation.

Geography is another branch to which much time is given in our schools, and in which the children do not seem to have made satisfactory progress. At the closing examinations of some of the schools, children who have been studying geography for years, seemed to know but little about its most common facts and principles; they were unable to give correctly the boundaries of the States in the Union, and evidently had no very clear ideas in their minds about what they had been for years studying.

The fault is probably, in part, in the text-books, for they do not seem to be arranged in the best manner; but the fault is

also partly in the teachers, who do not vividly comprehend the purport, and the most important facts of this interesting study; and, in teaching, resort to a mechanical routine of instruction, rather than to a method of teaching which shall address and engage the imagination of their pupils, and enable them to seize the truths of the study so vigorously, and hold them so tenaciously, that they shall become lasting possessions of their minds. Geography cannot be properly taught, nor can reading, or anything else, by keeping children for weeks, and months, and years, on the same lessons. Too much repetition begets utter indifference and disgust. The more they study thus, the more shadowy and uncertain becomes their knowledge. But a truth in geography, associated with some interesting narrative, or made to represent to the child something real and appreciable, will interest him, and not soon be forgotten.

The only other branch which requires especial criticism, is that of penmanship. In all the schools, there are a few scholars who take pains and write well, and in two or three schools a good degree of attention has been paid to this branch; yet, upon the whole, it has been too much neglected.

Most of the children, indeed, write enough, and the bills which their parents have to pay for writing-books are no small items; yet they are permitted to write carelessly, their errors in forming letters, and in spelling even, are suffered to be repeated, line after line, and page after page; they are often permitted to hold their pens improperly, and to vary essentially from the copies given for their imitation; consequently, but few children become good writers. The Committee, in their visits to the schools, have repeatedly urged increased attention to this branch on the teachers. They would avail themselves of this opportunity to call their attention to it once more.

The other studies in the schools have been more successfully pursued. The examinations in arithmetic were never more satisfactory than for the past year; the improvement of the children in spelling was highly creditable, and the grammar classes that were examined did better than usual. Indeed, the branches with respect to which fault has been found, may admit of a not unfavorable comparison with the same branches on previous years, for the defects that have been pointed out, have been of long standing. The purpose of the Committee has been, not so much to complain of them, as to point them out, and secure higher efficiency and excellence for the future.

Our schools are doing a great work for the children of the town. The money devoted to their support is well appropriated. They are worthy of all the care, the encouragement, and the interest, we can give them. The more excellent they become, the more will they accomplish to fit our children for positions of usefulness, respectability, and success in life.

It is a noteworthy fact, that the Superintending Committee, and the Prudential Committees of the different districts have always acted harmoniously together, and the Prudential Committees have generally consulted the Superintending Committee with regard to the selection of teachers. Yet they often select teachers, or continue teachers in office, whom the Superintending Committee feel compelled to accept, feeling it necessary to preserve harmony in the districts, while, at the same time, they have felt confident that they could secure the services of far more efficient teachers. Then, the teachers ought to feel responsible to only one set of officers, for the comfortable and successful management of the schools. While the Superintending Committee feel that it would be far better for the town that they should select and appoint the teachers, they do not desire the responsibility on their own account, for it would only add to their care and trouble.

At the present time the salaries of the teachers are worth to them much less than formerly, owing to the increase of all prices, or rather the depreciated value of money. In view of this fact, the Prudential Committees, of the different districts, ask that the pay of all the female teachers in the town may be increased, as will appear from the following petition: —

To the Honorable School Committee of the Town of Cohasset.

The undersigned, Prudential Committee, respectfully represent that the pay of the female teachers in the several districts is too small and inadequate for a comfortable subsistence, and therefore respectfully ask you to recommend to the town, in your Annual Report, an increase of pay to all the female teachers in the town.

Louis N. Lincoln, *Centre District.*
Charles F. Tilden, *South District.*
J. Wingate Davis, *North District.*
Isaac W. Beal, *Jerusalem District.*
John H. Morgan, *Beechwoods District.*

Cohasset, March 1, 1864.

This matter is submitted to the consideration of the town. An addition of one dollar per month will require the addition of ninety dollars to our school appropriation. An increase of

two dollars per month will require the addition of one hundred and eighty dollars to our school appropriation; and any other increase, the same proportional increase in our appropriation.

The expenses of the schools for the past year have been, as far as can be ascertained, as follows:—

High School, for teaching,	. .	$700.00	. .	Fuel, &c.,		$111.00
Jerusalem District, for teaching,		160.00	. .	,,	,,	36.50
North ,,	,,	260.00	. .	,,	,,	42.00
Centre ,,	,,	260.00	. .	,,	,,	55.50
South ,,	,,	256.00	. .	,,	,,	55.13
Beechwoods ,,	,,	256.00	. .	,,	,,	43.77
Making a total,	,,	$1,892.00	. .	,,	,,	$343.90

The whole expense of the schools, then, the past year, has been, — $2,235.90.

To meet this expense there have been, —

The Town's appropriation	$2,100.00
From State School Fund	90.20
Income of Ripley Fund	50.00
From Town of Hull, for schooling	15.00
	$2,255.20
Deducting from this amount the expense of the schools, viz.	2,235.90
Leaves an unexpended balance of	19.30

The Committee recommend, for the management of the schools the current year, the adoption of the same general plan that was adopted last year. In order to carry out that system, there will be needed, in addition to other resources, $2,100.00 to be raised by taxation.

It frequently happens that there are a few scholars in the grammar schools, who, although not of the requisite age, could be classed, and could study much more advantageously, in the High School, especially when those with whom they have been classed have entered that school; on the other hand, there are others who might, with more advantage, continue longer in the grammar schools, although of the requisite age for the High School. The Committee ask the privilege of being permitted to suspend the rule, which assigns children to the different schools according to their age, when they can do so with advantage to the particular pupils, with general benefit to the schools, and with the approval of the parents of the children, in reference to whom the general rule is suspended.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
EDWARD TOWER,
GEO. BEAL, Jun. } *School Committee.*

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 10, 1865,

INCLUDING

THE REPORTS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND TOWN TREASURER,

WITH A LIST OF MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

HINGHAM:
BLOSSOM & EASTERBROOK.
1865.

REPORT.

BILLS OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 10, 1864.

Elijah N. Barker, painting sign,	$1 00
David P. Beal, making fires Jerusalem School, 1863,	5 00
Wm. Hall & Co. locks, &c. Engine House,	4 63
J. H. Morgan, making fires Beechwood School, 1863,	11 00
Howard Pratt, repairs, &c. Beechwood Schoolhouse, 1863,	1 69
Martin Damon, Almshouse,	60 00
Daniel Freeman, gravel, 1863,	3 30
	$86 62

PRINTING.

J. E. Farwell & Co. printing Town Reports, 1864,	$55 04
Prentice & Deland printing School Committee Reports, 1864,	27 60
Blossom & Easterbrook, printing,	2 00
Newcomb B. Tower,	18 00
	$102 64

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOLHOUSES.

High School Room.

T. Lincoln, chair,	$2 75
Samuel Bates, repairing stove, &c.	2 49
Samuel D. Tower, setting glass,	3 00
Samuel Nichols, cleaning well,	7 00
Samuel D. Tower, glass paint, and painting,	4 00
E. E. Ellms, stove polish, &c.	15 54
	$34 78

Beechwood Schoolhouse.

Simeon P. Gove, repairs,	$ 34
Samuel Bates, repairs,	12
E.E. Ellms, crayons, &c.	4 20
	$4 66

South Schoolhouse.

Samuel D. Tower, glass and setting,	$1 36
M. B. Stetson & Co. brooms, pails, &c.	1 79
Samuel Bates, repairs stoves, &c.	10 00
Samuel D. Tower, labor,	1 50
Samuel D. Tower, glass and setting,	2 12
Charles F. Tilden, repairs,	5 25
E. E. Ellms, crayons, &c.	2 60
	$24 62

Centre Schoolhouse.

Samuel Bates, brooms, &c.	$ 60
Mrs. Lyons, cleaning,	1 20
Louis N. Lincoln, repairs,	7 75
E. E. Ellms, crayons,	1 38
	$10 93

North Schoolhouse.

David S. G. Doane, repair of clock,	$ 75
Ann Wood, cleaning,	4 50
Philip Fox, repairs,	2 50
E. E. Ellms, crayons,	1 85
S. P. Gove, setting glass,	75
	$10 35

Jerusalem Schoolhouse.

Ephraim Lincoln, Jr. repairs,	$17 03
E. E. Ellms, crayons, &c.	70
	$17 73

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

High School.

Teachers' salaries,	$720 00
Charles H. Willard, coal,	45 00
George Whittington, housing wood,	75
Geo. W. Cousins, Jr. sawing "	75
Lothrop & Whittington, making fires,	35 00
Almshouse, wood from,	34 50
	$836 00

North School.

Teachers' salaries,	$300 00
Almshouse, wood from,	45 50
	$345 50

Centre School.

Teachers' salaries,	$300 00
Charles H. Willard, coal,	58 08
John W. Burnham, making fires,	8 00
Joseph B. Barker, " "	2 00
Almshouse, wood from,	6 00
	$374 08

South School.

Teachers' salaries,	$300 00
Wm. St. John, sawing wood,	1 00
Albert Stetson, making fires,	2 25
M. B. Stetson & Co. wood,	1 50
Charles H. Willard, coal,	52 63
Martin Lincoln, wood,	9 00
Geo. W. Cousins, Jr. making fires,	8 00
Joseph St. John, sawing wood,	1 50
	$375 88

Beechwood School.

Teachers' salaries,	$276 00
J. W. Bates, 2d, wood,	4 50
Lot Bates "	5 00
Edwin Bates "	7 62
	$293 12

Jerusalem School.

Teachers' salary,	$180 00
Ephraim Lincoln, wood,	30 00
Richard Priest, making fires,	3 64
Willie Beal, " "	4 00
	$217 64

REMOVING SNOW FROM SIDEWALK.

John W. Bates, 2d,	$3 67
Simeon P. Gove,	6 67
Thomas M. Smith,	5 67
David Beal,	7 50
Louis N. Lincoln,	4 75
	$28 26

Town Hall.

Charles H. Willard, coal,	$ 23 63
Simeon P. Gove, benches,	10 00
Joseph L. Ross, ballot-box,	5 50
	$ 39 13

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

William W. Studley, steward,	$ 20 00
18 members' amount of poll tax,	36 00
E. E. Ellms, oil, &c.	1 58
	$ 57 58

HIGHWAY TAXES.

Returned by Surveyors, 1862.

Ezra Towle, District No. 1,	11 12
Louis N. Lincoln, " " 3,	12 05
Simeon P. Gove, " " 4,	24 02
L. L. Worrick, Jr. " " 5,	11 65
Oren R. Beal, " " 6,	36 27
Warren Bates, " " 7,	8 15
Isaac S. Pratt, " " 8,	1 38
Francis L. Bates, " " 9,	12 86
	$ 117 50

SCHOOLBOOKS.

E. E. Ellms,	$ 82 35

STATE AND COUNTY TAX, 1864.

State tax,	$ 2,880 00
County tax,	751 64
	$ 3,631 64

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement of taxes, 1862,	$6 08
1863,	186 41
1864,	453 53
	$646 02

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

S. S. Railroad, for gravel,	$299 00
Lewis Willcutt, for gravel,	3 60
Horace Hancock, for labor on Pond Road,	4 00
Oren R. Beal, building bridge,	40 00
Isaiah Lincoln, for gravel,	11 55
Ezekiel Bates, for gravel,	13 65
Rachael Lincoln, for gravel,	6 40
Francis L. Bates, blasting ledge,	5 00
	$383 20

RECRUITING OF VOLUNTEERS.

Martin Lincoln, services and expenses, from February 10 to March 7,	$47 30
L. N. Lincoln, lighting and care of room, February 10 to March 7,	12 00
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire and expenses to Readville, from February 10 to March 7,	11 25
Louis N. Lincoln, lighting and care of room,	24 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, cash paid for certificates for naval recruits,	50 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, expenses going to Taunton and for telegrams,	48 85
J. Q. A. Lothrop, cash paid expenses to Boston,	90 00
T. M. Smith, horse hire,	22 50
Amount carried forward,	$305 90

Amount brought forward,		$305 90
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services,		136 00
Solomon J. Beal, expenses,		22 00
" services,		72 00
S. S. Railroad transportation of recruits,		7 20
		$543 10
Amount received by Treasurer for premiums on volunteers,		329 21
Cost to the Town for recruiting,		$213 89

STATE AID.

Amount paid to families of volunteers from February 10, 1864, to February 10, 1865,		$5,727 10
Amount paid Town Aid,		130 00
		$5,857 10

BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEERS.

Amount drawn from the Treasury,		$8,012 00
Balance in State Treasury,	$1,125 00	
Amount on deposit in Boston,	625 00	
		1,750 00
Amount paid for 53 volunteers,		$6,262 00
Cost to the Town for each volunteer for bounty and recruiting,		$122 19

TOWN OFFICERS.

School Committee — Joseph Osgood,		$45 00
Edward Tower,		30 00
George Beal, Jr.		9 00
		$84 00

Selectmen — J. Q. A. Lothrop,	$30 00
Solomon J. Beal,	30 00
Ezra Brown,*	8 00
	$68 00
Assessors — J. Q. A. Lothrop, services making taxes,	$56 00
Solomon J. Beal, " " "	56 00
Ezra Brown, " " "	10 00
	$122 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, copying valuation of 1863 and 1864, for Legislature,	$28 00
S. J. Beal, for do.	28 00
	$56 00
Town Clerk — Newcomb Bates, Jr.	$39 00
Town Treasurer — Andrew J. Souther,	$175 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lothrop & Whittington, distributing Reports, 1864,	$2 00
Levi L. Worrick, Jr. repairing plow,	3 25
Simon P. Gove, moving Wm. Hayden,	5 50
" commission on taxes abated,	26
Edward Tower, postage,	5 92
Hooper, Lewis, & Co. Record and paper,	12 00
Thomas M. Smith, posting warrants,	5 00
" horse hire for Assessors,	7 50
" Cattle Commissioners, entertainment for,	6 25
Amount carried forward,	$47 68

*Mr. Brown having been absent in Boston on business since April 1864, has not acted with the Selectmen since that time.

Amount brought forward,	$47 68
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire for Treasurer,	4 75
" entertainment for Board of Enrolment,	21 75
" horse hire for Selectmen,	5 25
David S. G. Doane, Truant Officer,	2 50
Lewis N. Lincoln, town meetings,	8 00
" for hall, free lectures,	7 00
Beals's express, freight,	8 33
E. E. Ellms, stationery, &c.	17 23
S. P. Gove, posting warrants,	3 00
" painting guideposts,	3 50
J. G. Beals, revenue stamps,	5 15
A. J. Souther, revenue stamps,	3 20
	$137 34

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding,	$86 62
Printing,	102 64
Expenditures on Schoolhouses,	103 07
Support of Schools,	2,442 22
Removing Snow from Sidewalks,	28 26
Town Hall,	39 13
Fire Department,	57 58
Highway Deficiencies,	117 50
School Books,	82 35
State and County Tax,	3,631 64
Abatement of Taxes,	646 02
Roads and Bridges,	383 20
Recruiting Volunteers,	543 10
State and Town Aid,	5,857 10
Bounties to Volunteers,	8,012 00
Town Officers,	544 00
Amount carried forward,	$22,676 43

Amount brought forward,	$22,676 43
Miscellaneous,	137 34
Orders to Overseers of Poor,	3,804 80
	$26,618 57
Deduct wood to Schools from Almshouse,	86 00
	$26,532 57
Deduct orders unsettled for, abatements, &c.	194 22
Amount of orders paid by Treasurer,	$26,338 35

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEBRUARY 10, 1865.

Amount of funded debt, old issue, 1858, as follows: —

Hingham Savings Institution, three notes, due April 2, 1865, 1866, 1867,		$2,500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, nine notes, due April 24, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875,		8,500 00
		$11,000 00

Amount of funded debt issued 1863: —

Cohasset Mutual Fire Insurance Company, one note, due April 1, 1868,		$500 00	
Caleb L. Bates,	April 1, 1869,	100 00	
Bela Bates,	" 1, 1869,	200 00	
Geo. W. Whitcomb,	" 1, 1869,	200 00	
Lewis Willcutt,	" 1, 1870,	500 00	
Henry Doane, Jr.	" 1, 1871,	500 00	
"	" 1, 1872,	500 00	
Levi Lincoln,	" 1, 1873,	500 00	
Calvin Merriam,	" 1, 1874,	500 00	
Newcomb Bates,	" 1, 1875,	500 00	
Cohasset Savings Bank, five notes, due April 1, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880,		5,000 00	$9,000 00
			$20,000 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING PAYABLE ON DEMAND.

Cohasset Savings Bank,	$5,500 00
Emily Bates,	450 00
Rufus Bates, Jr.	250 00
Levi Pratt, balance,	250 00
John A. Treat,	200 00
Albert F. Barnes,	200 00
Thomas O. Hayden,	175 00
Thomas Morey,	150 00
Alonzo L. Palmer,	150 00
Thomas M. Smith,	100 00
Andrew M. Hyland,	100 00
Joseph W. Fish,	100 00
James M. Sweeney,	100 00
Frederic Bates,	75 00
James L. Bates,	100 00
Francis C. Tower,	100 00
John G. Hayden,	100 00
Wallis Willcutt,	100 00
Henry Doane, Jr.	760 00
Loring Bates,	1,000 00
Lyman D. Willcutt,	250 00
Hingham Bank,	1,500 00
	$11,710 00
Funded debt,	20,000 00
Total amount of notes outstanding,	$31,710 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEBRUARY 10, 1865.

Amount due from State, for aid to families of volunteers, to January 1, 1865,	$5,668 10
Amount paid since January 1, 1865,	426 00
Balance due from State, on account of State Aid for 1863,	787 03
Amount deposited with State Treasurer on account of recruits,	1,125 00
Amount deposited in Boston for recruits,	625 00
due from Scituate,	383 80
Hull Schooling,	30 00
Bourn & Nickerson,	60 57
S. L. Damon,	50 10
A. J. Souther,	10 00
Galen James,	7 00
Thomas A. Bates,	10 00
T. M. Smith,	8 00
F. J. Damon,	9 25
L. L. Worrick,	16 00
Z. L. Beal,	3 50
Sarah Lincoln,	2 25
Joseph Gracia,	5 00
Zealous Bates,	109 20
Lot Willcutt,	57 51
Balance in Treasury,	631 39
	$10,024 70
Amount of Liabilities of the Town,	31,710 00
Assets of the Town,	10,024 70
Debt of the Town, February 10, 1865,	$21,685 30

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
SOLOMON J. BEAL,
} *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1865.

Almshouse Account, Dr.

To stock on hand February 1, 1864,	$1,337 30
Keeper's salary,	200 00
Philander Bates, Liquor Agent,	2 40
F. J. Damon, blacksmithing,	27 74
K. W. Barnes, pasturage,	9 00
S. G. James, horse-sled,	12 00
Caleb Nichols, auctioneer standing wood,	35 50
F. F. Wheelock, cow,	40 00
Warren Bates, pair oxen,	140 00
James Bullard, wooden and tin ware,	11 23
Jeremy Towle, undertaker,	12 00
T. M. Smith, horse, wagon, and harness,	110 00
Samuel Bates, funnel, churn, and ware,	13 46
J. W. Pierce, 2 coffins and shrouds,	23 75
Howard Pratt, groceries,	17 69
M. B. Stetson & Co. flour, meal, and groceries,	506 30
L. B. Perry & Co. sheeting,	20 37
J. Q. A. Lothrop, meal and flour,	75 26
Z. L. Beal, groceries,	112 92
C. Merriam, groceries,	14 46
James W. Nichols, pasturage and apples,	15 00
T. M. Smith, horse hire,	19 25
C. B. Burbank, standing wood and making cider,	32 78
J. O. Lawrence, groceries,	18 94
L. L. Worrick, horse hire,	26 03
E. E. Ellms, groceries,	171 71
Bourne & Nickerson, meat,	156 08
Amount carried forward,	$3,161 17

Amount brought forward,	$3,161 17
John Souther, cobbling,	13 20
Fordyce Foster, medical attendance,	26 25
Caleb F. Nichols, groceries,	21 66
Overseers services,	60 00
Total amount, debtor,	$3,282 28

Almshouse Account, Cr.

By 9½ cords hard wood,	$80 75
4 " sawed and split wood,	36 00
3½ " wood,	24 50
5 " pine wood,	30 00
9 " trash "	36 00
1 ox-wagon, $50; cart, $30,	80 00
Wagon and harness,	50 00
9 chains, scythes, and snaiths,	14 00
Yokes, drag, and ladders,	11 50
Forks, shovels, and baskets,	8 00
Cattle ties, rigging, blocks, and tub,	7 00
Hoes, bars, and rakes,	6 00
1 harrow,	8 00
3 ploughs,	13 00
3 pigs,	40 00
1 horse,	80 00
2 cows,	130 00
Cornfodder,	5 50
1 ton salt hay,	10 00
6½ tons English hay,	227 50
Axes, picks, and wedges,	13 00
Washing machine, wringer, and churn,	14 50
1 horse-sled,	12 00
1 ox-sled,	12 00
Amount carried forward,	$949 25

Amount brought forward,	$949 25
Saws, sawhorse, and trough,	5 00
Wheelbarrows, and grindstone,	6 00
17 fowls,	17 00
5 stoves and funnel,	45 00
33 barrels,	6 60
1 barrel flour,	14 50
12 lbs. butter,	6 36
30 bushels potatoes,	30 00
10 " " small,	5 00
20 " roots,	15 00
40 galls. Vinegar,	10 00
50 " soft soap,	18 00
125 lbs. shoulders,	23 12
400 " clear pork,	100 00
250 " mess beef,	37 50
2½ bbls. cider,	8 75
Casks,	11 00
1½ bbls. apples,	7 50
50 lbs. lard,	12 50
5 galls. molasses,	5 50
Spices, and salt,	2 25
Tin, and earthern ware,	20 00
80 lbs. hams,	20 00
Fresh beef,	3 00
1 bushel rye meal,	2 30
3½ " indian meal,	7 25
7 " corn,	14 70
2½ " beans,	8 75
4 " barley,	6 00
100 lbs. dried apples,	22 00
½ bushels onions,	1 00
5 lbs. sugar,	1 30
Amount carried forward,	$1,341 53

Amount brought forward,	$1,341 53
50 lbs. candles,	8 33
13 " tea,	18 20
1½ " tobacco,	1 00
gross matches,	70
Baskets, and measures,	3 50
3 meal bags,	2 00
12 feather beds,	50 00
12 comforters,	24 00
8 blankets,	17 00
2 coverlids,	6 00
30 pillow cases,	7 50
36 sheets,	24 00
7 yds. shirting,	4 34
2 " ticking,	1 00
2 skeins yarn,	36
Stock on hand February 1, 1865,	$1,610 06

Almshouse Account, by Sales, &c. Cr.

By Town of Scituate 156 weeks' board at $ 2.31, per week,	$360 36
Lewis Lincoln, ploughing,	6 50
Mrs. Mulvey, wood, and ploughing,	7 00
Mrs. Hawthorne, wood,	4 00
Bourne & Nickerson, 2 calves,	14 15
" " 3,369 lbs. beef,	319 54
" " 488 " pork,	82 96
F. J. Damon, pigs,	8 00
Adam Cushing, "	8 00
T. M. Smith, "	8 00
T. A. Bates, "	10 00
A. J Souther, "	10 00

Galen James, 1 pig,	$ 7 00
Centre School, ½ cord wood sawed and split,	6 00
High " 3½ cords wood,	34 50
North " 4½ " "	45 50
L. L. Worrick, barley, and labor,	16 00
	$ 947 51
Amount of Stock on hand,	1,610 06
Total Amount of credit	$ 2,557 57

Debit, brought forward,	$ 3,282 28
Credit, " "	2,557 57
Almshouse debtor to balance,	$ 724 71

Expense of inmates of Almshouse, 345 weeks, at $ 2.10$\frac{3}{52}$ per week,	$ 724 71

Support and Relief of Persons outside of Almshouse for the year ending February 1, 1865.

To S. L. Hospital, board for Benj. P. Towle,	$ 134 40
" " " " Henry Litchfield,	189 83
" " " " David Willcutt,	197 58
" " " " J. E. Bates,	166 29
" " " " J. J. Lothrop, Jr.	178 08
" " " " Lot Willcutt,	57 51
City of Boston, " " M. A. Hayward,	175 50
" " assistance to S. P. Joy,	15 50
" " " " Eunice Sterling,	33 50
" " " " D. Noseworthy,	2 00
" " " " Jane Sawin,	4 00

Assistance to Ellen Litchfield,	
Howard Pratt bill, groceries,	$16 00
Assistance to Deborah Noseworthy.	
Zebiah Morris bill, board,	6 50
F. J. Damon " " and nursing,	40 00
J. W. Bates bill, taking Mrs. N. to almshouse,	1 00
H. G. Thompson bill, board for E. B. Gilbert,	128 50
J. O. Lawrence bill, cloth and flannel for E. B. Gilbert,	16 10
Assistance to Mrs. S. Pratt.	
C. F. Nichols bill, groceries,	11 06
M. B. Stetson " wood,	3 00
C. H. Willard " coal,	15 00
Rufus Bates " wood,	4 25
J. O. Lawrence bill, groceries,	75 75
Assistance to Mrs. Lambert.	
J. O. Lawrence bill, groceries,	38 00
C. H. Willard " coal,	16 00
M. B. Stetson " wood,	6 12
C. F. Nichols " groceries,	5 73
A. H. Tower, Jr., bill, groceries,	2 61
Assistance to Mrs. Mulvey.	
C. H. Willard bill, coal,	15 00
L. L. Worrick, ploughing,	2 50
Job Cushing, pasturing cow,	10 00
Lot Bates, wood,	7 74
J. O. Lawrence bill, groceries,	75 00
E. E. Ellms " "	8 00
Assistance to Mrs. S. Hawthorn.	
J. O. Lawrence bill, groceries,	8 25
Isaac Kent, coffin for Mary Litchfield,	17 50
Jeremy Towle, undertaker for Mary Litchfield,	6 00
Wood from almshouse,	4 00
J. O. Lawrence, groceries for Mrs. McCloud,	5 48
" shoes for Mrs. Sherburne,	3 00

J. O. Lawrence, wood, and groceries for D. Vinal,	15 20
C. H. Willard, coal for Mrs. M. T. Ripley	17 00
Dr. F. Foster, medical attendance on Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Ellms, Scituate,	10 00
Outside expenses, debtor,	$1,744 48

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By cash received of J. J. Lothrop, $178.08	
Outside expenses, credit,	$178 08
Outside expenses, debtor, to balance,	1,566 40
	$1,744 48

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Repairs on buildings: —	
D. Cushing, 2d, lumber,	$42 28
Isaac Kent, stock and labor,	36 12
Thomas A. Bates, labor,	20 00
S. P. Gove, painting, and papering,	7 61
Amount of repairs,	$106 01

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. SOUTHER,
LOT BATES,
DAVID BEAL,
} *Overseers of Poor of Cohasset.*

DR. TOWN OF COHASSET *in Account with*

1864–65.

To paid	amount of Selectmen's orders drawn to date,	$15,769 45
"	appropriation for school teaching,	2,076 00
"	State aid to families of volunteers,	5,828 10
"	bounty to volunteers,	8.012 00
"	abatement of taxes by Assessors' orders,	480 90
"	discount on taxes paid to October 1,	620 35
"	Hingham Savings Institution, 1 note due Apr. 24, 1864,	1,000 00
"	Clarintha V. Stoddard, 1 note on demand,	300 00
"	Interest on Town's notes and hired money,	1,588 39
To balance in treasury,		631 39
		$36,306 58

COHASSET, February 10, 1865.

A. J. SOUTHER, *Treasurer.* CR.

1864–65.

By balance from former account,		$1,821 95
By rec'd for sale of Grass Straits Pond Flats,		105 08
" of State of Mass., amount of School Fund,		92 30
" " " premium on recruits,		329 21
" " " reimbursement of State aid in part,		3,937 81
" " " corporation tax,		1,178 96
" of Cohasset Savings Bank, Interest Ripley Fund,		50 00
" for board of Josephine E. Bates, to Feb. 1, 1864,		69 38
" of Town Clerk, dog licenses,		12 00
" of John J. Lothrop, for support of his son at hospital, Taunton, to Jan. 1, 1865,		178 08
" of Bourne & Nickerson, on acc't of Almshouse, 1864,		200 00
" money hired in anticipation of taxes,		14,270 00
" amount of taxes 1864, per list,		14,061 81
		$36,306 58

A. J. SOUTHER, *Treasurer.*

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

DR.

To cash and liquors as per last year's report	$132 97	
amount of sales	577 85	
cash for barrels sold	4 12	
profit and loss	27 89	
		$742 83

CR.

By cash paid for liquors	$519 52	
U. S. license	24 17	
tax on liquors	4 40	
Beal's express	7 70	
keg, &c.	2 85	
Agent's salary, to date	54 25	
amount of liquors on hand	111 20	
cash on hand	18 74	
		$742 83

PHILANDER BATES, *Agent.*

COHASSET, February 10, 1864.

STATISTICS FURNISHED BY TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS.

Whole number, 56. Males, 29; females, 27. 1 pair of twins.

Parents born in Cohasset,	21	fathers,	23	mothers.
United States,	19	"	14	"
Western Isles,	10	"	10	"
Ireland,	4	"	6	"
British Provinces,	1	"	1	"
England,			1	"
Portugal,			1	"
Spain,	1			

Intentions of marriage, ... 22

NEWCOMB BATES, JR., *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.	OCCUPATION.
Jan. 17	Charles H. Litchfield....	So. Scituate,	So. Scituate,	Shoemaker.
	Clarintha V. Stoddard...	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Feb. 7	Manuel Enos Brazil.....	"	Western Islands,	Mariner.
	Julia Silver.....	"	"	
" 21	Zaccheus L. Beal.....	"	Cohasset,	Trader.
	Marcia P. Tower.....	"	"	
March 17	Joseph Rose.....	"	Western Islands,	Mariner.
	Hannah Enos.....	"	"	
April 7	Samuel Tower.....	Michigan,	Springfield, Vt.	Farmer.
	Hepzibah E. B. Nichols.	Cohasset,	Cohasset, Mass.	
" 7	Otis Mott.....	Scituate,	"	Shoemaker.
	Betsey Ainslie.....	Cohasset,	Ireland,	
" 26	Charles Whittier.....	"	Cohasset,	Shoemaker.
	Edna M. Ripley.....	"	"	
" 5	Patrick Mulcahy.....	"	Ireland,	Laborer.
	Sarah Cousadine.....	"	Ireland,	
May 5	Jacinto Enos.....	"	Western Islands,	Mariner.
	Catherine Rosa.....	"	"	
" 7	John A. Dyer.....	Weymouth.	Weymouth,	Shoemaker.
	Anna King.....	Cohasset,	Portugal,	
July 20	Richard Spear.....	Weymouth,	Weymouth,	Bootmaker.
	Christianna Barnes.....	Hingham,	Cohasset,	
" 24	Samuel Meeker.....	Boston,	Boston,	Mariner.
	Susan Hawthorne.....	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Aug. 19	Frank Stedman.....	New York,	New York,	Hotel-keeper.
	Addie Hollis.....	Cohasset,	Weymouth,	
Sept. 4	William Stephens.....	Hull,	England,	Laborer.
	Sarah Glazier.....	"	Virginia,	
Oct. 4	John W. Tower.....	Cohasset,	L't-house Is. B'n	Mariner.
	Emily A. Litchfield.....	"	Cohasset,	
Nov. 10	John Rogers.....	"	Western Islands,	Mariner.
	Isabella Paine.....	"	"	
" 21	Henry Clay Mapes.....	"	Coxsackie, N. Y.	Mariner.
	Clara B. Briggs.....	"	Cohasset.	
Dec. 7	Willis E. Bateman.....	Gloucester,	Brooksville, Me.	Mariner.
	Lucy Lincoln.....	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
" 13	Thomas Gracia.....	"	Western Islands,	Mariner.
	Frances Gracia.....	"	"	
" 29	Lewis Willcutt, 2d.....	"	Cohasset,	Carpenter.
	Sarah W. Souther.....	"	"	

Number of Marriages Registered..... 20

Married in Cohasset..... 19
" " Quincy..... 1

Born in United States, both parties..... 11
" " Foreign Countries, both parties..... 6
" " " " one party..... 3

DEATHS.

Whole Number, 45. Males 15; females, 30; stillborn, 3.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 8	Eliza Hudson Beal	24	6		England,	Consumption.
" 24	Levi Oakes	43	7		Cohasset,	"
" 24	Mary Mears Beal	63	7		Boston,	Paralysis.
" 28	Betsey Nichols Burbank	72			"	Dry Gangrene.
Feb. 12	John Pearson		1	26	Cohasset,	Cholera Infantum.
" 15	Betsey James Lincoln	85	2		"	Old Age.
" 29	Henry Thomas Pratt	34	3	18	"	Consumption.
Mar. 8	Antone Sylvva	45			Western Islands,	Erysipelas.
" 24	John Burbank	82	7	7	Cohasset,	Chron. Mortification.
" 30	Sophia Nichols	42	6	1	"	Lung Fever.
April 4	Laura Studley		7	23	"	Diphtheria.
" 10	Sarah Beal	58	2		"	Dyspepsia.
" 23	Penelope Litchfield	83	5	23	Scituate,	Pneumonia.
May 3	Rachael Willcutt	88	5	20	Cohasset,	Old Age.
" 7	Thomas Wilcutt	73	8	16	"	Inflam. of Kidney.
" 26	Mary Page Luce	59	8	5	Orleans,	Consumption.
June 9	Catharine Higgins Briggs	64	10		Chatham,	Heart Disease.
" 12	Margaret S. Bates	39	9	1	Cohasset,	Consumption.
" 13	Margaret A. Skelly Beal	30			Roxbury,	Anæmia.
" 15	Hattie L. Beal	16	11		Cohasset,	Typhoid Fever.
" 24	James Mulvey	48			Ireland,	Consumption.
" 27	Ida Louise Arkinson			10	Cohasset.	Fits.
" 30	Mary F. Litchfield	20	4		"	Typhoid Fever.
July 4	Jane S. Lothrop Nichols	33	1	11	"	Paralysis.
" 17	Ann Lonergan Pratt	42			Halifax, N. S.	Childbirth.
" 15	Sarah R. Oakes Merrill	44	11		Cohasset,	Consumption.
" 20	Nancy Osier	86	9		"	Old Age.
" 22	Gershom Wheelwright	74	4	10	"	Erysipelas.
Aug. 3	Clara Lothrop Nichols	67	10		"	Dropsy.
" 8	Sarah E. Fish Wilson	27			Pembroke,	Consumption.
" 17	John Francis		6		Cohasset,	Cholera Infantum.
" 25	Hattie Almena Bates		3	7	"	" "
Sept. 2	——— Tilden, } Twins			1	"	Premature Develop.
" 2	——— Tilden, }			1	"	" "
" 20	L. Louisa Bailey Sylvester.	22	4		"	Consumption.
" 24	Caroline J. Carter Lambert.	64	3	19	Portsmouth, N.H.	Typhoid Fever.
Nov. 12	Henrietta Lincoln Wallis	75	3	14	Cohasset,	Paralysis.
" 19	Hannah Stoddard Freeman.	81	8		"	Old Age.
" 29	Lorette Worrick Brown	60	7	17	"	Consumption.
Dec. 8	James Wilcutt	63	2	11	"	Tetanus.
" 21	Tabitha Sylvester	70			Marshfield,	Accidental.
	The following residents of the town died away from home:—					
Sept. 4	Manuel Francis (at sea)	50			Western Islands,	Consumption.
Aug. 21	Martin T. Ripley, (within Anderson prison,)	41			Abington,	Diarrhœa.
Oct. 15	Caleb L. Bates, Mass. Hosp.	20	5	24	Cohasset,	Hemorrhage.
Nov. 28	Isaac Pratt, (Chelsea ——— house,)	47			"	Hepatitis, Chronic.

Born in Cohasset..... 30
" " United States..... 10
" " Foreign Countries..... 5

Average age.....45 years, 6½ months.

SCHOOL REPORT

FOR THE

Town of Cohasset,

For 1864-5.

BOSTON;
PRENTISS & DELAND, BOOK & JOB PRINTERS,
No. 40 Congress Street.
1865.

REPORT.

At the close of another school year, the School Committee of Cohasset respectfully submit to the town their Annual Report.

Since a regular system of conducting our schools has been adopted, and continued for a number of years without material change, the average condition of the schools has varied so little from year to year, and their difficulties and deficiencies, as well as their excellencies and indications of progress, have been so similar that little novelty of suggestion or remark can be expected in any report that may be prepared. Especially must this be the case when the report is written by the same hand and the schools are continued under the charge of the same teachers, for the most part, for many successive years.

But this sameness in the general condition of the schools, in their interests and needs, and in the topics to be presented in the report, while it may diminish the interests of its contents, may be regarded as a favorable indication of the state of our schools, and of the success of our school system.

The subjoined table presents the statistics of the schools for the past year.

	WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS.		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	
	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.
Jerusalem District	34	32	22	20
North Grammar School	34	39	25	24
North Primary "	31	28	19	17
Centre Grammar "	58	58	38	43
Centre Primary "	42	32	29	15
South Grammar "	36	29	28	22
South Primary "	30	31	24	23
Beechwoods District	59	38	35	29
Beechwoods Primary,		30		21
High School	69	90	49	68
In all the schools	393	407	269	282
In all the schools year before last	444	413	307	299
Decrease in number of scholars	51	6	38	17

The number of children in the town last year between five and fifteen years of age, was but 377, a decrease from the number of the previous year (410) of 33.

From this comparison, it will be perceived that the decrease in the number of children attending school, and in their average attendance in the winter, was less proportionably than the decrease in the number of children of suitable age to attend school, while if the proportionate attendance in summer was slightly greater, it may be accounted for by the fact of the unusual demand for labor last summer, which caused more than a usual number of children to be kept out of school at work.

THE JERUSALEM SCHOOL

Has been continued under the the charge of Miss Mary Lincoln. The order of this school has always seemed to be good; and the scholars have appeared to be interested in their studies, and attached to their teacher, who has labored heartily and patiently for their improvement.

One of the scholars, Mary L. Beal, was not absent once for the whole year; and another, Ella M. Whittier, was not absent during the winter term. The children have made good progress in learning to read and spell; some have improved very much in writing, while the older scholars have attended to the writing of compositions, more than in any other school in town.

There have also been exercises in singing, which have added very much to the interest and pleasantness of the school. The closing examination was highly satisfactory, and the school never appeared to be in better condition.

THE NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Has been continued under the instruction of Miss Martha J. Bates. This school has appeared to be in a good condition when visited. At the closing examination the classes in arithmetic, both written and oral did well, and showed that they have been carefully taught. Reading seems to have received a good degree of attention, and some of the scholars read with more than ordinary fluency and correctness, while the improvement of all was manifest. Some of the scholars have

improved very much in writing, although the writing of many was not satisfactory. Singing has been cultivated in the school, adding much to the interest and enjoyment of the children.

THE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Has been continued under the charge of Miss Emily L. Bates. The average number of scholars in this school has not been large, and the attendance of many scholars has been very irregular. The order of the school has always seemed to be good. Those children who have attended school regularly have made good progress in learning, while others who have been irregular in their attendance, have learned but little.

THE CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Has been continued under the charge of Miss Abby N. Bates. This school has been large, too large for the room in which it is kept, and too large to be taught with the best success by one teacher. Miss Bates has been obliged to labor very hard, and it has been impossible for her to devote as much time to the individual scholars as they needed for their proper instruction. She has, however, done a great deal for them, and kept the school up to its previous excellent condition. Owing to ill health she was obliged to close the school four weeks before the end of the term, and consequently there has been no final examination.

THE CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Was commenced by Miss Clara B. Briggs, and was taught by her with great success; but she being obliged to leave the school, her place was supplied, temporarily, by Miss Elizabeth Bates, and at the beginning of the summer term Miss Annie A. Souther took charge of the school. She has been a successful teacher, but owing to the sickness of many of the children the latter part of the winter term, and perhaps in part to the suspension of the other school, she had but very few scholars towards the end of the term which was closed one week before the appointed time and without an examination.

THE SOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Has been continued under the charge of Miss M. Anna Rich. This school has always appeared well when visited ; — the order excellent, and all the exercises of the school have been conducted with energy and promptness. Very great improvement seems to have been made in the application of the children to study, in their reading, spelling and writing, while other branches have been carefully attended to.

The closing examination was very satisfactory, and the school seems now to be in a condition to make rapid progress.

THE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL,

Which has been under the instruction of Miss Myra L. Beal, during the year, has been successfully taught. The children have seemed to be interested in the school, and have made progress in learning. Their teacher has devoted herself to her work with great earnestness and industry.

THE BEECHWOODS SUMMER SCHOOL

Was taught by Miss Sarah J. Cushing. This school was large and required great ability and energy on the part of the teacher, for its successful management. Miss Cushing, although an inexperienced teacher, succeeded in governing the school efficiently, in securing good order, and in advancing the scholars in learning very satisfactorily.

She was also employed to teach the Primary School during the winter Term. This school has been larger than usual, and as the children had been under the charge of the same teacher in the summer, they have had the benefit of her instruction for the whole year, and have made, in consequence, unusual progress in learning. Miss Cushing has also had very interesting and pleasant exercises in singing.

THE BEECHWOODS WINTER SCHOOL

Has been taught by Mr. L. Webster Bates. This school has been in an excellent condition when visited by the committee ; and at the closing examination the children gave evidence of having made good progress. The improvement of many of the scholars in writing was

especially worthy of commendation; while the classes in arithmetic, and one in grammar, passed a very creditable examination.

The Beechwoods school never appeared to the committee to be in so good a condition as the past year; and if it can be kept under as efficient management and instruction, it may soon take a high rank among our schools; especially, if the great difficulty it has had to contend with, — the inconstant attendance of many of the pupils, — can be corrected by the care and attention of their parents.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Has been continued under the charge of Mr. Robert F. Leighton. Good order has been preserved in the school, and all the scholars who have been regular in their attendance, and have been disposed to apply themselves, have made good progress in learning. At the closing examination, the classes in arithmetic and the higher mathematics, showed by their readiness and familiarity with principles that they had been carefully taught. A class in geography, one in grammar, and one in history appeared unusually well. Many of the scholars have made creditable improvement in writing; and a large number of boys have studied bookkeeping, to whom the teacher has occasionally given instruction evenings. There have been fewer classes in the languages than usual; but those who have engaged in those studies, have made progress, especially the second class in Latin.

Not tardy during the year — Sarah Prouty, Ella Creed, Sarah Pratt, Eva Pratt, Herbert Beal, John Burbank. Not absent nor tardy during the winter term — Ella Creed, Sarah Pratt, Emma Hall, Sarah Merriam, Sarah Prouty, Sarah Hall, Abram Tower, George Gilbert, John Burbank, and David Beal who was tardy only once.

Miss Eliza H. Tower has continued to act as assistant teacher in the High School. The classes that have been under her instruction appeared well at the examination, especially the classes in arithmetic, algebra and reading.

The High School, as a whole, has been successful the past year, although the average age of the scholars has been less than usual, on account of many children having been admitted who were well qualified to join the classes but who had not arrived at the requisite age; yet from the fact that only those best qualified were admitted, they were able immediately to take a good position in the school and to continue their studies without interruption. And becoming

members of the school at the beginning of the school year, they have helped to sustain its interest and promote its efficiency during the summer term, when many of the older scholars are apt to leave the school, to the discouragement of its teachers and of the scholars who remain. Then as these pupils commence the studies of the High School, younger, they will have more time to pursue them, and will be able to obtain a more thorough education.

The change made with regard to the admission of children into the High School has been no less advantageous to the Grammar Schools. When scholars have been advanced from those schools to the High School, whole classes have been generally taken, instead of parts of classes, as formerly. By this means the Grammar Schools have been relieved from those fragments of classes, containing often but one or two scholars, and which being the most advanced classes require much of the teachers' time, and the teachers have consequently been enabled to give much more time and attention to the scholars remaining in the schools. The same principle has been carried out in transferring the children from the primary to the grammar schools, with corresponding benefit. The advantages of this change will become more manifest year by year, and by means of it a great improvement may be anticipated in our schools.

In describing the condition of the different schools, those branches of study have been referred to in which the improvement of the children has been most manifest. But some more general statements may be made. Perhaps, in no year has the improvement of the scholars in learning to read been so marked as the past year, in all the schools. This may be attributed, in part, to a change in the reading books, and in part to the increased attention which the teachers have given to this branch. The general improvement of the children in writing has been greater than usual. In all the schools also, arithmetic has been successfully taught, and the children have shown a more than ordinary proficiency in it. Spelling seems to have received only an average share of attention, and the improvement of the children in this branch of education has been only about equal to that of previous years.

The study of geography still continues to be in an unsatisfactory state. Although recitations in geography were heard in most of the schools, yet only one in the High School, and one or two in the Grammar Schools were worthy of special commendation. The teachers

try hard to teach geography, and the children try hard to learn; yet, either from the defective character of the text books, or from the right method of teaching not having been adopted, or from both causes combined, the study is not made as useful or as interesting as it ought to be.

So also with regard to the study of English grammar. At the closing examination, only two classes in this study, — one in the High School and one in the Beechwoods School, — showed any proficiency, or any adequate and comprehensive knowledge of its principles.

In our Grammar Schools, many children begin the study of English grammar, and continue it for two, three or more years, without advancing beyond a knowledge of its simplest elements, and often understanding them but very imperfectly. If the study of grammar, except in its practical application to speaking and writing, were entirely excluded from the three central Grammar Schools, and confined entirely to the High School it would probaby be much better for the children. They could study more thoroughly the other branches, — perhaps might take up some other branches of knowledge which they could understand, and would be prepared to begin grammar as a fresh study in the High School, when old enough to understand its principles, and without that vagueness of thought and confusion of conception which result from years of unprofitable and wearisome study. English grammar, as taught in the text books, requires considerable power of abstraction and familiarity with literature and the forms of speech, to be easily comprehended. When young persons have arrived at sufficient mental maturity to comprehend its principles and appreciate their importance, they may learn more from a few months' good instruction, than they could have learned when younger in as many years.

Last Spring an effort was made in the three central districts to raise money by subscription, for the purpose of procuring charts, maps, etc., for the use of the schools in those districts. In the North district, $10.40 was subscribed; in the Centre, $22.00; and in the South, $11.93. The money so raised was expended for charts, etc., which are well adapted for interesting the children, and teaching them reading, spelling, writing, drawing, and giving them useful object lessons. Very much may be done in this way to make a school-room attractive and to interest and stimulate children in learning.

The expenses of the schools the past year have been as follows:

Jerusalem District, for teaching,		$180 00	Fuel, &c.,		$37 64
North,	" "	300 00	"	"	50 00
Centre,	" "	300 00	"	"	73 83
South,	" "	300 00	"	"	75 88
Beechwoods,	" "	276 00	"	"	17 12
High School,	" "	780 00	"	"	115 00
		$2136 00			$369 47

The Committee have not been able to ascertain exactly all the expenses for fuel and care of rooms in all the districts, especially in the Beechwoods and North Districts, and probably bills will yet come in from those districts sufficient to make the whole amount of expenditure for fuel, &c., about $400. This added to the amount paid for teaching, viz., $2136, gives the total expense of the schools for the last year, $2536. There is an unexpended balance of twenty-one dollars, of the appropriation for the central district, but it will probably be partly if not wholly used.

To meet the expenses of the Schools, we have had, —

The Town's Appropriation,	$2280 00
Income of Literary Fund,	92 30
" " Ripley Fund,	50 00
Giving a total of	$2422 30

To continue the school for another year according to our present system, an appropriation of twenty-four hundred dollars will be necessary.

But it may be necessary to increase the compensation of the teacher of the High School one hundred dollars, which would be a much smaller percentage of increase than most mechanics and laborers receive, and which both the increased expenses of a teacher, and the difficulty of securing the services of a competent person for the office, seem to require. In that case it will be necessary to raise twenty-five hundred dollars for the support of the schools. The appropriations for teaching would then be, for the

Jerusalem District,	$180 00
North "	300 00
Centre "	300 00
South "	300 00
Beechwoods "	276 00
High School,	880 00
	$2236 00

EDWARD TOWER,
GEO. BEAL, Jr.,
JOSEPH OSGOOD.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1866.

INCLUDING THE

Report of the Overseers of the Poor and Town Treasurer,

WITH A LIST OF MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS, 34 SCHOOL STREET.
1866.

REPORT.

Bills outstanding Feb. 10, 1865.

Charles H. Wood, making fires, sawing and housing wood, Beachwood School, 1864,	$27 00
William Lincoln, wood, Beachwood School, 1864,	9 50
Howard Pratt, brooms, pails, &c., 1864,	1 40
Paid teaching High School, 1864,	60 00
George Pratt, wood, Beachwood School, 1864,	6 00
Thomas Bates, gravel, 1863,	12 04
Lewis Willcutt, gravel, 1864,	2 50
Joseph Root, labor on bridge, 1863,	2 00
S. P. Gove, notifying dog-owners, 1864,	6 00
John Willcutt, making fires, North School, 1864,	15 00
Amos Tilden & Son, ironwork, 1864,	6 37
Abraham H. Tower, for gravel, 1864,	10 50
	$158 31

PRINTING.

Blossom & Easterbrook, Town Reports,	$82 00
Prentiss & Deland, School Committee Reports,	37 50
Newcomb Bates,	7 75
Newcomb B. Tower,	28 50
David Clapp, tax bills,	9 00
	$164 75

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL HOUSE.

High School Room.

Samuel D. Tower,	$4 90
Cyrus G. Cook,	7 00
Catherine Lyons, cleaning,	2 16
Elijah N. Barker,	2 48

Charles A. Gross,	$ 50
William Hall & Co., keys,	1 80
Levi L. Nichols,	1 75
Amos Tilden & Son,	7 10
Samuel Bates,	1 75
E. E. Ellms,	17 49
Samuel Bates,	6 50
	$53 43

Beachwood School-house.

Charles H. Wood, use of well,	$1 00
E. E. Ellms, crayons, &c.,	5 00
Howard Pratt, brooms, pails, &c.,	3 55
	$9 55

South School-house.

M. B. Stetson, & Co., brooms, pails, &c.,	$1 60
Jeremy Towle, labor on hill,	40 00
Mrs. John Smith, cleaning,	3 00
M. B. Stetson & Co.,	16
Samuel D. Tower, glass and setting,	75
E. E. Ellms, crayons, &c.,	5 50
Charles F. Tilden, labor,	2 50
	$53 51

Centre School-house.

Samuel D. Tower,	$2 00
Brooks & Darling, locks and keys,	3 00
Louis N. Lincoln, labor and stock,	13 75
Zaccheus Rich, labor,	14 54
David Cushing, 2d, lumber,	28 99
Martin N. Bates, labor and cedar posts,	16 13
M. B. Stetson & Co., brooms, &c.,	1 62
Andrew W. Williams, labor,	5 00
Mrs. Crocker, cleaning,	3 00
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, &c.,	10 33
E. E. Ellms, crayons, &c.,	6 60
	$104 96

North School-house.

Samuel D. Tower, setting glass, &c.,	$3 00
S. P. Gove, " "	1 50
Samuel Bates,	3 37
E. E. Ellms, crayons, &c.,	5 59
	$13 37

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

High School.

Teacher's salaries,	$980 00
Samuel D. Tower, sawing wood,	1 50
Charles H. Willard, coal,	16 75
David W. Whitcomb, wood,	6 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	17 25
Charles B. Marsh, coal,	50 00
Caleb Lothrop, making fires,	35 00
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood,	4 00
	$1,110 50

North School.

Teachers' salaries,	$300 00
Wood from Almshouse, 5 cords wood,	52 00
	$352 00

Centre School.

Teachers' salaries,	$300 00
Charles H. Willard, coal,	51 00
Frederick Pratt, making fires,	10 00
Wood from Almshouse,	10 00
	$371 00

South School.

Teachers' salaries,	$300 00
Charles H. Willard, coal,	12 75
Martin Lincoln, wood,	7 00
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood,	2 42
Caleb Nichols, wood,	6 75
Caleb B. Marsh, coal,	45 00
George W. Cousins, making fires,	8 00
Charles Creed, " "	4 50
	$386 42

Beechwood School.

Teachers' salaries,	$276 00
David W. Whitcomb, wood,	3 00
Edwin Bates, "	9 80
Rufus Bates, "	7 20
John W. Bates, "	23 85
Lot Bates, "	6 00
Howard Pratt, "	4 25
	$330 10

Jerusalem School.

Teacher's salary,	$189 00
David Beal, wood,	33 25
	$213 25

REMOVING SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS.

Oren R. Beal,	$8 53
John W. Bates,	6 58
Simeon P. Gove,	10 00
David Beal,	4 00
Levi L. Worrick,	2 33
Thomas M. Smith,	11 88
Louis N. Lincoln,	7 67
	$50 99

TOWN HALL.

Charles H. Willard, coal,	$33 75
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves &c.,	9 91
Daniel Tower, repairing fence,	3 00
Samuel D. Tower,	3 00
	$49 66

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

M. B. Stetson, &c., wood,	$4 25
Elijah N. Barker, setting glass,	30
27 Members' amount of poll tax,	54 00
Samuel Bates,	8 75
E. E. Ellms,	8 23
Allen C. Bates, steward,	20 00
	$95 53

HIGHWAY TAXES.

Returned by Surveyors, 1864.

Thomas Smith, District No. 1,	$19 30
Samuel Nichols, " " 1,	6 22

Martin Lincoln,	District No. 2,		$59 62
Louis Lincoln,	"	" 3,	16 42
Simeon P. Gove,	"	" 4,	46 44
Levi L. Warrick, Jr.	"	" 5,	19 81
Oren R. Beal,	"	" 6,	63 30
Warren Bates, 2d,	"	" 7,	22 59
Edwin Bates,	"	" 8,	13 65
Francis L. Bates,	"	" 9,	15 20
			$282 55

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Edward E. Ellms,	$103 70
Charles H. Willard,	1 35
Estate of J. O. Lawrence,	8 36
	$113 41

STATE AND COUNTY TAX, 1865.

State,	$5,875 00
County tax,	800 77
	$6,675 77

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement of taxes, 1859,	$1 79
" " 1860,	3 75
" " 1861,	14 99
" " 1862,	29 09
" " 1864,	8 80
" " 1865,	482 82
	$541 24

HIGHWAY TAXES FOR 1865.

Amount paid to Surveyors or their order.

Ezra Towle,	District No. 1,		$140 00
Samuel Nichols,	"	" 1,	25 28
Martin Lincoln,	"	" 2,	182 85
Caleb Nichols,	"	" 2,	3 10
Horace Hancock,	"	" 2,	6 75
William Lincoln,	"	" 2,	3 10

William Vale,	District No. 2,	$2 70
Francis Litchfield,	" " 2,	1 50
Michael Sweney,	" " 2,	14 00
Thomas Beal,	" " 2,	1 40
Horace Hancock,	" " 2,	9 00
Charles O. Parker,	" " 2,	15 87
Isaac Kent,	" " 4,	47 00
Samuel G. James,	" " 5,	45 00
Alfred Whittington,	" " 3,	20 00
David Beal,	" " 6,	49 55
Stowers Beal,	" " 6,	62 29
Warren Bates, 2d,	" " 7,	90 55
Edwin Bates,	" " 8,	43 20
Francis L. Bates,	" " 9,	67 45
		$830 50

TOWN CLOCK.

Samuel Bates, bill,	$1 75
Newcomb Bates, care of clock,	26 00
	$27 75

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Repairs on Hingham and Quincy bridges,	$629 00
David Cushing, 2d, lumber for mill bridge,	97 76
Ezra Towle, filling up road below steel rocks,	275 00
Charles A. Gross, powder,	7 70
John S. Clark, blowing rocks,	20 00
Oren R. Beal, repairs on Jerusalem road,	240 00
Oren R. Beal, " " "	39 00
Simeon P. Gove, " " "	8 50
Est. Josiah O. Lawrence, powder, &c.,	4 75
Zaccheus Rich, mill bridge,	42 00
Isaac Kent, " "	2 54
Peter C. Kimball, Jerusalem road,	5 00
Michael Sweney, getting gravel,	21 00
S. S. Railroad, for gravel,	61 50
Edward Tower, surveying,	1 00
Isaiah Lincoln, for gravel,	5 00
Simeon P. Gove, selling plank, mill bridge,	1 50
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire,	5 00
Abram H. Tower, for gravel,	30 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services,	11 00
Solomon J. Beal, "	11 00

Zaccheus Rich, services,	$11 00
Caleb F. Nichols, gravel,	50 00
Charles A. Grose, nails and spikes,	2 25
	$1,581 50

RECRUITING OF VOLUNTEERS.

J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses,	$65 00

BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEERS.

Amount on deposit in Boston was paid to five recruits,	$625 00

STATE AND TOWN AID.

Amount paid to families of volunteers from Feb. 10, 1865, to Feb. 10, 1866,	$2,728 60
Amount of Town aid,	120 00
	$2,848 60

TOWN OFFICERS.

School Committee,	Joseph Osgood,	$47 50
	Edward Tower,	35 00
	George Beal, Jr.,	7 50
		$90 00
Selectmen,	J. Q. A. Lothrop,	$30 00
"	" extra services,	20 00
"	" services and expenses,	
"	" State aid,	20 00
"	" services and expenses,	
"	" on Lewis Bates case,	10 00
	Solomon J. Beal,	36 00
	Zaccheus Rich,	36 00
		$152 00
Assessors,	J. Q. A. Lothrop,	$96 00
	Solomon J. Beal,	93 00
	Zaccheus Rich,	93 00
		$282 00

Town Clerk, Andrew J. Souther,	$53 13
Town Treasurer, Andrew J. Souther,	200 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Caleb Lothrop, distributing town reports,	$2 50
Hooper, Lewis & Co., pens,	2 00
Edward Tower, postage, paper, &c.,	8 38
Franklin W. Smith, fence, South School House,	50 00
Ira B. Pratt, repairs on snow plow,	1 60
Beals' Express, freight,	8 35
Simeon P. Gove, notifying dog owners,	6 00
" " " posting warrants,	2 50
Edward E. Ellms, stationery, &c.,	17 07
Newcomb Bates, ringing bell for town meetings,	4 00
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire for Selectmen,	6 00
" " " " " Assessors,	17 50
" " " " " Treasurer,	10 00
" " " " " Fntertainm't County Com'rs,	6 50
" " " board for boy,	1 00
" " " posting warrants,	4 00
" " " notifying officers,	2 00
Louis N. Lincoln, Town meetings,	9 00
" " " Militia meetings,	6 00
" " " Hall when used free,	10 00
" " " making fires and care of Selectmen's room,	6 50
Jeremy Towle, return of deaths to Town Clerk,	3 10
	$184 00
Andrew J. Souther, revenue stamps,	13 10
	$197 10

RECAPITULATION.

Bills outstanding Feb. 10, 1865,	$158 31
Printing,	164 75
Expenditures on school-houses,	234 82
Support of schools,	2763 27
Removing snow from sidewalks,	50 99
Town-House,	49 66
Fire Department,	95 53
Highway deficiencies,	282 55
School Books,	113 41
State and County tax,	6675 77

Abatement of Taxes,		$541 24
Highway Taxes for 1865,		830 50
Town Clock,		27 75
Roads and bridges,		1581 50
Recruiting volunteers,		65 00
Bounty to volunteers,		6 25
State and Town aid,		2848 60
Town officers,		777 13
Miscellaneous,		197 10
Orders to Overseers of Poor,		4564 43
		$22,647 31
Deduct wood from Almshouse to Schools,	$62 00	
Deduct bounty to volunteers ordered in 1864,	625 00	
		$687 00
Amount of orders paid by Treasurer,		$21,960 31

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1866.

Amount of Funded Debt, old issue, 1858, as follows, viz.:

Hingham Savings Institution, 2 notes, due in 1866, '67,	$1,500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 9 notes, due April 24, 1867, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75,	8,500 00
	$10,000 00

Amount of Funded Debt issued in 1863:

Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., 1 note, due April 1, 1868,	$500 00	
Caleb L. Bates, April 1, 1869,	100 00	
Bela Bates, April 1, 1869,	200 00	
Geo. W. Whitcomb, April 1, 1869,	200 00	
Lewis Willcutt, April 1, 1870,	500 00	
Henry Doane, Jr., April 1, 1871,	500 00	
Henry Doane, Jr., April 1, 1872,	500 00	
Levi Lincoln, April 1, 1873,	500 00	
Calvin Merriam, April 1, 1874,	500 00	
Est. Newcomb Bates, April 1, 1875,	500 00	
Cohasset Savings Bank, 5 notes, due April 1, 1876, '77, '78, '79, '80,	5,000 00	
		$9,000 00
		$19,000 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING Feb. 10, 1866, ON DEMAND.

Rufus Bates, balance,	$100 00
Thomas Morey,	150 00
James L. Bates,	100 00
Francis C. Tower,	100 00
Henry Doane, Jr.,	782 81
Loring Bates,	500 00
Hingham Bank,	3000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank,	5500 00
	$10,232 81
Funded Debt,	19,000 00
	$29,232 81
Reduction of Town debt in 1865,	$2 477 19

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, Feb. 10, 1866.

Amount due from State for aid to families of volunteers to Jan. 1, 1866,	$3120 60
" paid since Jan. 1, 1866,	34 00
" Balance due from State on account of State aid for 1864,	218 10
" due from Scituate for support of paupers,	507 00
" due from Town of Hull,	45 00
" " " S. L. Damon,	79 34
" " " Z. L. Beal,	7 50
" " " Lot Bates,	9 25
" " " F. J. Damon,	36 25
" " " Zealous Bates, 1864–5,	114 18
" " " Chas. H. Willard,	3 90
" " " Bourne & Nickerson,	33 55
" " " Charles A. Gross,	2 31
" " " L. L. Worrick, Jr.,	4 76
Balance in Treasury Feb. 10, 1866,	2486 08
	$6701 82

Respectfully submitted.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
SOLOMON J. BEAL,
ZACCHEUS RICH,
} Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, FOR THE YEAR ENDING Feb. 1, 1866.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.	*Dr.*
To Stock on hand Feb. 1, 1865,	$1610 06
Keeper's salary,	175 00
Charles Burbank, wood,	59 25
C. H. Lothrop, lobsters,	87
John Souther, cobbling,	8 90
Caleb F. Nichols, groceries,	57 56
Z. L. Beal & Co., "	60 13
Est. Curtis Barnes, pasturage,	10 00
Samuel Bates, tin ware,	22 65
Ames Plow Co., plough points,	2 67
W. F. Thayer, butchering,	3 00
J. L. Willcutt, pasturage,	5 00
Howard Pratt, groceries,	144 90
C. H. Willard, "	86 92
Est. J. O. Lawrence, "	41 51
Simeon P. Gove, setting glass,	1 75
Samuel G. James, labor,	3 00
Newcomb Bates, Jr., printing,	1 75
Edward E. Ellms, groceries and use of stock,	20 96
M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, meal, and flour,	218 19
Charles A. Gross, " " " "	232 40
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire,	28 60
Bourne & Nickerson, meat,	137 75
Overseers of Poor, services,	60 00
David Beal, rockweed,	2 00
John J. Lothrop, sand,	50
Solomon L. Damon, plough points,	1 50
Philander Bates, Liquor agent,	3 10
	$2999 92
	Cr.
By 6½ tons English hay,	$182 00
1½ " Creek "	15 00
2 Cows,	150 00
1 Horse,	90 00
5 bushels barley,	6 25
1½ " beans,	4 50
2 Pigs,	52 00
12 cords hard wood,	108 00
11 " Trash "	38 50
12 " Pine "	72 00
3 " wood sawed and split,	30 00
Wagon and harnesses,	65 00
Yokes, drag, and ladders,	10 00

By Forks, shovels, and baskets,	$9 50
Cattle ties, rigging, and blocks,	9 00
Hoes, bars, and rakes,	7 00
Harrow,	8 00
2 Ploughs,	7 00
Axes, pick, and wedges,	13 00
Washing machine, wringer, and tubs,	14 00
Horse sled,	11 00
Ox sled,	8 00
Horse cart,	20 00
Saws, wood-horse, and trough,	5 00
Wheelbarrow and grindstone,	5 00
10 Fowls,	10 00
5 Stoves and funnel,	40 00
1 Bbl. flour,	14 25
Tin, earthen, and crockery ware,	20 00
650 lbs clear pork,	130 00
325 " mess beef,	42 25
150 " hams,	30 00
38 " tea,	41 80
35 bushels potatoes,	35 00
10 bushels potatoes, small,	5 00
5 " roots,	3 75
½ " onions,	50
8 galls. molasses,	8 00
Casks,	12 00
Baskets and measures,	3 00
508 feet pine lumber,	10 16
20 cedar posts,	15 00
Old lumber,	20 00
3 bushels Indian meal,	3 24
4 meal bags,	2 67
12 feather beds,	50 00
100 lbs. lard,	24 00
60 " candles,	10 00
21 flour barrels,	4 20
Spices and salt,	2 00
10 comforters,	20 00
8 blankets,	15 00
2 coverlets,	5 00
30 pillow cases,	10 00
36 sheets,	36 00
4 yards sheeting,	1 52
6 " cotton flannel,	2 52
65 lbs. fresh pork,	11 70
Matches and tobacco,	70
50 gallons soft soap,	10 00
25 lbs. fish,	2 50
	$1591 51

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT BY SALES, &C.

		Cr.
By Town of Scituate, 156 weeks' board and clothing, @ 3.25,		$507 00
F. J. Damon, hay,		27 00
C. H. Willard, salt hay,		10 00
Z. L. Beal, cider,		4 00
David Beal, vinegar,		1 62
Lot Bates, plough and barrels,		9 25
David Vinal, wood and ploughing,		8 00
Mary Mulvey, ploughing,		3 00
Mrs. Mulvey, seaweed,		2 00
Bourne & Nickerson, 2 calves and hide,		33 55
C. A. Gross, vinegar,		2 31
Centre School, wood,		10 00
North School, "		52 00
Thomas Morey, corn fodder,		4 62
L. L. Worrick, ploughing,		3 00
Mrs. Magrath, pine wood,		2 50
L. L. Worrick, Jr., pork,		1 76
		$681 61
Amount of stock on hand,		1,591 51
		$2,273 12
Debit bro't forward,	$2,999 92	
Credit,	2,273 12	
Almshouse Dr. to balance,		$726 80
Expense of inmates of Almshouse, 326 weeks at $2.23 per week,		$726 80

SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE,

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1866.

To S. L. Hospital, board for Benj. P. Towle,	$174 58
" " " " " " H. Litchfield,	213 81
" " " " " " David Willcutt,	172 71
" " " " " " Josephine E. Bates,	171 11
" " " " " " John J. Lothrop,	207 06
City of Boston, assistance, M. A. Hayward,	182 00
" " " " Sarah P. Joy,	27 25
" " " " Eunice Sterling,	35 25
Assistance to Mrs. Lambert,	
C. H. Willard, bill,	19 25
C. A. Gross, "	54 71

Est. J. O. Lawrence, bill,	$15 16
Rufus Bates, "	3 00
Assistance to Edwin B. Gilbert,	
H. G. Thompson, board,	102 50
Assistance to Mrs. M. T. Ripley,	
Z. L. Beal & Co., bill,	31 59
Welcome Beal & Co, bill,	71 31
C. H. Willard, coal,	17 75
David Beal, wood,	4 50
Assistance to Mrs. Sarah Pratt,	
A. H. Tower, Jr., bill,	12 62
C. A. Gross, "	15 25
C. F. Nichols, "	51 00
C. H. Willard, "	19 00
Assistance to Mrs. Mary Mulvey,	
Rufus Bates, bill,	3 00
Job Cushing, "	10 00
Est. J. O. Lawrence, "	16 64
C. H. Willard, "	20 28
Assistance to David Vinal,	
Est. J. O. Lawrence,	34 90
C. H. Willard,	12 59
Assistance to Mrs. John Mulvey,	
C. H. Willard, coal,	16 75
Assistance to Mrs. Magrath,	
C. H. Willard, bill,	2 93
Assistance to Mrs. Manuel,	
Z. L. Beal & Co., wood,	13 50
Assistance to Lendall T. Bailey,	
Est. Martin Damon, 1864–65, board,	148 75
Dr. F. Foster, medical attendance, Mrs. McCloud, 1864,	25 00
" " " " " Mrs. Hawthorne, 1864,	27 00
" " " " " Josiah Mann, 1864,	4 75
J. W. Peirce, bill, coffin, Mrs. Clark, of Boston,	14 00
Jeremy Towle, digging grave, " " " "	7 00
D. F. Foster, medical attendance, Mrs. Clark, of Boston,	10 00
	$1968 50

Cr.

By Cash Received of J. J. Lothrop,	$155 95	
Outside expenses credit,		$155 95
Outside expenses debtor to balance,		1812 55
		$1968 50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Zaccheus Rich, building barn,	767 00
Gove & Pratt, house and barn repairs,	33 93
Bela Stoddard, whitewashing,	7 50
Galen James, labor on barn,	2 00
Samuel Nichols, " " "	12 00
Warren Orcutt, " " "	2 50
Jeremy Towle, " " "	140 00
Lot Bates, " " "	10 00
L. L. Worrick, Jr. " " "	14 00
S. L. Damon, expense to State Almshouse,	13 40
	$1002 33

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. SOUTHER,
LOT BATES,
DAVID BEAL,
Overseers of the Poor.

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

	Dr.
To cash and liquors, as per last year's Report,	$129 94
amount of sales for the year ending Feb. 10th,	734 40
cash for barrel,	1 00
amount of liquors on hand at date,	103 39
	$968 73

	Cr.
By amount of liquors on hand, as per last year's Report,	$111 20
paid for liquors,	617 87
Government license,	25 00
Beal's Express,	8 30
revenue stamp and measures,	1 59
agent's salary,	60 00
cash and liquors on hand at date,	144 77
	$968 73

PHILANDER BATES.

Cohasset, Feb. 11th, 1866.

DR. 1865–66.

TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT WITH A. J. SOUTHER, TREASURER.

CR. 1865–66.

To paid amount of Selectmen's orders drawn to date,						$21,960 31
" Hingham Institution for Savings, 1 note,						1,000 00
" Hingham National Bank, 1 note,						1,500 00
" Discount on taxes to Oct. 1, 1865,						809 83
" Frederic Bates,	1	demand	note,			75 00
" Joseph W. Fisk,	1	"	"			100 00
" Loring Bates,	1	"	"			1,000 00
" Alonzo L. Palmer,	1	"	"			150 00
" Andrew M. Hyland,	1	"	"			100 00
" Lyman D. Willcutt,	1	"	"			250 00
" Thomas O. Hayden,	1	"	"			175 00
" Levi Pratt,	1	"	"	"balance,"		250 00
" Mrs. Emily Bates,	1	"	"			450 00
" John A. Treat,	1	"	"			200 00
" Albert F. Barnes,	1	"	"			200 00
" Wallace Willcutt,	1	"	"			100 00
" James M. Sweeney,	1	"	"			100 00
" Thomas M. Smith,	1	"	"			100 00
" John G. Hayden,	1	"	"			100 00
" Rufus Bates on acc't of note,						150 00
" Interest on town notes and hired money,						2,078 89
" Notes given for hired money, "transient,"						7,560 00
Balance in treasury Feb. 10, 1866,						2,486 08
						$40,895 11

By balance from former account,	$631 39
Rec'd of State of Mass. school fund,	92 74
" " " balance State aid, 1863,	781 00
" " " State aid, 1864, in part,	5,450 00
" " " recruiting fund, unexpended,	775 00
" Sale of Grass Straits Pond flats,	112 80
" J. C. Doane on acc't Jas. Mulvey's estate,	181 47
" Charles Damon for ox-wagon,	35 00
" Lot Willcutt, for board,	57 51
" J. J. Lothrop, for board of son,	155 95
" Town of Scituate, board of poor to Feb. 1, 1865,	360 86
" L. N. Lincoln, rent of Town Hall,	48 00
" T. M. Smith, for hay and pigs,	95 14
" Overseers of Poor for sales at Almshouse, 1864,	70 57
" Money hired in anticipation of taxes,	11,060 00
" Amount of taxes, per list,	19,976 15
" For sale of old lumber, "Mill Bridge,"	6 35
" Thomas A. Bates, Almshouse, 1864,	10 00
" Cohasset Savings Bank, int. Ripley fund,	50 00
" State Treasurer Corporation tax,	929 18
" L. L. Worrick, Almshouse, 1864,	16 00
	$40,895 11

COHASSET, Feb. 10, 1866.

A. J. SOUTHER, *Treasurer.*

MARRIAGES, 1865.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.	OCCUPATION.
Jan. 9	John L. Pratt,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Mariner.
	Paulina S. Joy,	"	"	
" 11	George Rand,	"	Huntington, Pa.	"
	Catherine Boyson,	"	Boston,	
Mar. 7	Frank Antoine,	"	Western Islands,	"
	Mary E. Rose,	"	" "	
" 8	James Rooney, Jr.,	"	Ireland,	"
	Delia Dougherty,	"	England,	
" 17	Henry Powers,	"	"	Laborer.
	Emma Peacock,	Hull,	Boston,	
May 39	Harrison P. Snow,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Mariner.
	Mary E. Martin,	Boston.	Boston,	
June 7	George W. Wilson,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Laborer.
	Mary E. Ewell,	"	Abington,	
" 17	Eliot Stoddard,	"	Cohasset,	Mason.
	M. Caroline Richards,	"	Boston,	
July 3	William Litchfield,	Scituate,	Watertown,	Blacksmith.
	Louisa J. Williams,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Aug. 7	Jotham B. Beal,	"	"	Salesman.
	Sarah L. Lincoln,	"	"	
" 16	Thos. D. Blossom, Jr.,	Hingham,	Springfield,	Shoemaker.
	Martha B. Bailey,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Oct. 16	Wm. Keefe,	"	Ireland,	Laborer.
	Margaret Hennessy,	"	"	
" 17	Wm. H. H. Morse,	"	Cohasset,	Fisherman.
	Luella A. Swain,	Hingham,	Hingham,	
" 24	Otis S. Wilbur,	Randolph,	Randolph,	Shoemaker.
	Abbie J. Ripley,	Cohasset.	Cohasset,	
" 29	James S. Beal,	"	"	"
	Elizabeth Cunday,	Boston,	N. Brunswick,	
Nov. 8	Wm. H. Sylvester,	Cohasset,	Scituate,	Boatman.
	Catherine Woods,	Boston,	Boston,	
" 23	Manuel Williams,	Cohasset,	Western Islands,	Mariner.
	Aurita Francis,	"	" "	
" 23	Thos. Lincoln, Jr.,	"	Cohasset,	Farmer.
	Mary L. Babson,	"	"	
" 30	James F. Campbell,	Boston,	Philadelphia,	Cabinet M'r.
	Ellen J. Barnes,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Dec. 6	Lyman D. Willcutt,	"	"	Mason.
	Moriel L. Pratt,	"	"	
" 5	John Thompson,	"	Sweden,	Fisherman.
	Catherine Dale,	"	Ireland,	
" 6	Waldo C. Locke,	"	Boston,	Farmer,
	Emily J. Reed,	"	Cohasset,	
" 7	Clinton A. French,	Weymouth,	Weymouth,	Shoemaker.
	Mercy G. Pratt,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
" 25	George S. Western,	Duxbury,	Duxbury,	Mariner.
	Martha K. Verge,	Boston,	Boston,	
" 25	Joseph M. Towle,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Mason.
	Lousia T. Verge,	"	Boston,	
" 30	Wallis Willcutt,	"	Cohasset,	Fisherman,
	Helen M. Mott,	Scituate,	Scituate,	
June 4	Isaac H. Tower,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Laborer.
	Betsey A. Treat,	"	"	
Mar. 4	Isaac H. Lambert,	"	"	
	Adeline Beal,	Hingham,	Liberty, Me.,	

DEATHS.

Date.	Names.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Disease, or Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 13	John Pratt	63	6		Cohasset.	Accidental.
" 14	Lizzie B. Tower	7			"	Scarlet Fever.
" 17	John R. James	73	7		"	
" 17	Sarah Bates	59	6		"	Accidental.
" 26	Sarah McCloud		10		"	Whooping Cough.
Feb. 11	John McCloud	7	8	10	"	Diphtheria.
" 25	Caroline Bates	25	8		"	Consumption.
Mar. 4	Ezekiel Pratt	1	4		"	Heart Disease.
April 8	William Worrick		11	8	"	Whooping Cough.
" 3	Elizabeth Worrick	68	8		Boston.	Scrofula.
" 25	Mary Clark	52			Maine.	Consumption.
" 26	Josiah O. Lawrence	60			Cohasset.	Heart Disease.
May 1	Ruth James	3	9		"	Diphtheria.
" 5	Manuel F. Silvia	56			West'n Islds.	Diabetes.
" 29	Thomas Murphy	4	6	23	Scituate.	Brain Fever.
" 26	Pamelia S. Nickerson	23			Cohasset.	Consumption.
July 6	Alfred G. Appleton	70	6		Salem.	"
Aug. 3	Newcomb Bates	86	3	17	Cohasset.	Old age.
" 5	Mary Hall	44	6		"	Typhoid Fever.
Sept. 30	Seth Beal	67			"	Heart Disease.
Oct. 25	Susan Hardwick	16			"	Typhoid Fever.
" 25	Rebecca Ainslie	22	3		"	" "
Sept. 19	Mercy Bates	75			"	Dysentery.
Oct. 11	Maria L. Bates.	64			"	"
Sept. 12	Ann Louisa Tower	7			Boston.	"
Oct. 16	Manuel Grassia		4	15	Cohasset.	Cholera Infantum.
" 31	Tamar Lincoln	82	10	0	"	Old age.
Aug. 28	Hattie M. Nichols	1	1	15	"	Dysentery.
Oct. 31	Hosea W. Burbank	1	2	0	"	Cholera Infantum.
Nov. 24	Letitia F. Palmer		9		"	Teething.
Dec. 8	Cyenas Bates	7	8		"	Rheumatic Fever.
" 14	John J. Marion				West'n Islds.	Consumption.
Aug. 27	Whitney Sen. Brown		11		Cohasset.	Teething.
Oct. 8	Harriet Tower Ainslie			11	"	
Dec. 22	Joseph Pierson		4		"	Teething.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR 1865-66.

BOSTON:
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1866.

REPORT.

The School Committee hereby submit to the Town their Annual Report.

During the past year the schools have been conducted with their usual success, and have accomplished their work as well, probably, as in any preceding year. There have been differences in their comparative success, yet these differences have not been very strongly marked; and while no one school has shown any extraordinary excellence, no one has failed to maintain a very respectable position, or to do very much for the children placed in it. There have been but few changes of teachers. The Jerusalem School has continued to be taught by Miss Mary Lincoln; the North Schools by Miss Martha J. Bates and Miss Emily L. Bates; the Centre Schools by Miss Abby N. Bates and Miss Annie A. Souther; the South Schools by Miss M. Anna Rich and Miss Myra L. Beal, and the Beechwoods Summer School was under the charge of Miss Sarah J. Cushing. Miss Cushing also commenced the Winter School, but having an opportunity for teaching in Weymouth, at a higher compensation, she relinquished the school, which was successfully taught, during the remainder of the term, by Miss Georgiana Bates.

The High School was commenced under the care of Mr. Robert F. Leighton, who taught it with unusual interest and success, for four weeks, when he received an invitation to take charge of a school in South Reading, at a salary of $900 per annum. The school was then taught, till the close of the summer term, by Mr. Nathan Harrington, who, feeling

unable to resume the charge of the school in the fall, recommended his brother, Col. Samuel Harrington, for the position. The latter taught the school during the fall and winter terms.

Miss Eliza H. Tower acted as assistant through the year, and at the close of the winter term resigned her position, having labored faithfully and successfully as a teacher, and become more efficient the longer she continued in the school. She left the school, having gained the respect of the committee and the esteem and affection of her pupils.

Owing to the increased compensation now paid to persons in all departments of labor and business, it was found that the salary, even as increased at the last annual town meeting, in March, was not sufficient to secure a competent teacher for the High School. An especial town meeting was therefore called, at which it was voted to increase the salary to $800.

Your committee do not intend, in their report, to enter into a particular criticism and comparison of the different schools. They prefer rather to make such remarks, and offer such suggestions as may help the teachers to perform more successfully their duties, enable the people of the town to understand the state of the schools, and their own duties in respect to them, and assist us all in raising them to a higher and more satisfactory condition.

Every teacher in the town has labored diligently and successfully, has advanced the children in learning, and has secured good order in school, so far as the committee have been able to judge. They have all earned, and the female teachers, especially, with their small salaries, have more than earned, the compensation which they have received. In hardly any business is so much service rendered for so small pay, as by the teachers in this town. And this our female teachers can do only from the fact that they, for the most part, have received their education in our public schools, at the expense of the town, and learn to teach by practical experience in the schools. Then our school system is so arranged that the schools are made comparatively easy to be governed, especially the graded schools. Besides, the plan of continuing the same schools from year to year under the same teachers is favorable to ease of governing and to successful teaching. Perhaps this has helped the progress of our schools more than any one

thing. Those schools which were in the habit of changing their teachers once or twice every year, continued to be in a backward state as long as they pursued that course. Since they have been under the same teachers, for a considerable length of time, they have greatly improved. This has been especially manifest in the Jerusalem and Beechwoods Schools. Those schools were, for many years, decidedly behind the other schools in town. Since they have ceased to change teachers so frequently, they have greatly advanced, and now rank well with the other schools. The school in the Beechwoods has made especial improvement, and never before stood as well as it has done the past year.

But while this system of continuing our schools for a succession of years under the same teachers is, upon the whole, the best system for them, and has contributed very much to their success and improvement, it is not without its difficulties and dangers. If the teachers have a true love for children and interest in their work, if they are constantly aiming at a higher ideal of excellence, if they seek to improve themselves by study and self-culture, and especially, if they try to learn improved methods of teaching, and to keep themselves up to the constant progress in education which is going on, they will preserve their freshness of heart and of intellect, and become happier, and more successful as teachers every year. We can hardly conceive of the excellence, as a teacher, one of our young ladies may attain, and the power she may reach of securing the obedience, and of gaining the affections of her pupils, and of exciting an interest in learning in their minds, who has them from year to year under her care, and seeks continually to enlarge her own knowledge, to comprehend more fully the nature of her work, to enter into closer sympathy with the children committed to her charge, and help them in every practicable way.

But with these advantages there is danger of continuous teaching becoming mere routine. The practice of going over the same books and same studies, from year to year, is apt to destroy their freshness and interest, to the mind of the teacher, and thus make her incapable of interesting her scholars. Teachers are apt to get into a kind of a rut, from which it is hard to get them out, and to keep on in a mill-horse round,

hearing lessons mechanically, without having any very strong or clear conception of their meaning, or being capable of communicating clear ideas to their pupils. Then, by teaching awhile in a certain way, they are apt to think that there is no other or better way, and therefore are averse to adopting any other methods by which they may interest their pupils, or help them to learn more rapidly. Children to be interested, need novelty and variety. At least they need teachers who are willing to try improved processes of instruction, and to avail themselves of the new light which is being thrown on the science of teaching.

Another difficulty is, teachers confining themselves to the teaching of only what is contained in the text books, and being satisfied if the daily lessons are only learned and recited well. This may become very dull and mechanical work,—a burthen to teacher and pupil. The school books, sometimes, seem to be hindrances in true teaching, and those who rely on them fail of doing their work, often, in the best way. One reason why our children attend school year after year, and make so little progress is, because they have been required to commit and recite lessons with but little illustration or attempt to interest them on the part of the teachers.

At one of the examinations this year a class in arithmetic were asked how they would divide a fraction by a fraction. They promptly answered, "Invert the divisor and proceed as in multiplication." An example was given them to do on the black-board. They wrote it down correctly, but then were unable to perform it, for they did not know what "*invert*" meant. And in other schools, while scholars could readily and correctly perform such examples, they did it mechanically, according to the rule, but not understanding the reason of the process.

If when teachers come to the part of arithmetic which treats of fractions they should take all the arithmetics from their pupils, send them to the black-board, and with crayon in hand, give them oral lessons only, they would probably teach their pupils more pleasantly, more rapidly, and more thoroughly than they do by their present method; and so with regard to many other parts of arithmetic. The introduction of Walton's Table into our schools will do very much in this direction. This

table consists merely of columns of figures. From it, with very little help from the teacher, the pupils can learn numeration, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, more thoroughly than these fundamental operations are usually learned. The teachers have been instructed to use these tables faithfully in all the schools except the primary.

A few years ago the committee examined a class in grammar, in one of the schools in town. Some of the scholars had been studying the book for a long time, yet they seemed to have no real knowledge of the principles of grammar. They could recite the words of the book imperfectly, and that was all. The teacher, who was just taking charge of the winter school, was advised to throw aside the text-book entirely, and rely altogether on oral instruction. He did so, and the progress of that class, which never afterwards learned lessons from the grammar, was more rapid than ordinary, and they became more familiar with the principles of English grammar than almost any class of pupils of their age in the town.

Last spring the committee removed all the English grammars from the three central grammar schools, if these schools can be called grammar schools when the grammar is excluded from them. They made this change because they were convinced that the study of grammar, as it had been pursued in these schools, had been of little real benefit to the children, who could take it up with more advantage as a fresh study in the High School. The committee, however, desired the teachers to give all the oral instruction in grammar that they might feel inclined to give. They might, with advantage, give regular oral lessons, correct the violations of the principles of grammar in the language of their pupils, and require of them frequent exercises in composition, in the correcting of which they might teach both spelling and syntax.

The remarks which have been made about the ~~changes~~ dangers of teachers falling into habits of routine and mechanical teaching, must not be understood as prompted by any spirit of dissatisfaction or desire to find fault. They have been suggested, rather, by the committee's apprehension of the necessary and inherent danger of continuous teaching from the same books, and in the same school, becoming mere routine and mechanical teaching. Only a constant care and struggle against it can

prevent it. Such had become the habit of teaching in the Boston schools when Horace Mann so effectually waked up the teachers, and opened the way to a higher and more intelligent method of instruction. The professors in Harvard College feel obliged, in order to guard against this danger, to change many of their text books every year.

But while this tendency to routine and mechanical teaching has been too manifest in our schools the past year, those schools have done a great deal of excellent work, and in some respects given high satisfaction.

As a general thing the instruction in arithmetic has been more thorough and satisfactory than usual. Scholars have not gone over so much ground as they sometimes do, but what they have studied they have studied more carefully and comprehended more fully. A great deal of time was spent in testing their knowledge at the closing examinations, and in most of the schools it was found to be unusually accurate and ready. Most of the classes are prepared to go forward in the study without further review. The committee are convinced of the inexpedience of putting children to the study of difficult and intricate problems,— which may be a good mental discipline for advanced scholars,— before they fully comprehend the simple processes and the more important practical problems of arithmetic. They have therefore determined to confine all scholars who have not already begun Eaton's Treatise, to the Common-School Arithmetic.

Geography has received increased attention in our schools, and some changes have been made, in decreasing the number of text books and removing the study from the Primary Schools, which have proved beneficial. The classes in this study have done better than usual, yet this branch of learning is still taught in an unsatisfactory manner, and we have failed to find a text book suitable in every respect.

Those scholars who have studied English grammar have made good improvement, and it is to be hoped that they have begun to study it in a way in which it may interest them, and be of some practical use to them.

According to the system that has been pursued the past year more time has been secured to the teaching of the younger children, especially to read and spell. There has been improve-

ment in both of these important departments of learning. In some of the schools the children have made excellent progress —in all they have done pretty well.

Yet much still remains to be done. In none of the schools was the reading quite what it ought to be, or might be. When correct as to the calling and pronouncing of the words, it too often lacked vivacity and expression, which can be attained only by thoroughly understanding the meaning and spirit of the piece read. In some of the schools the spelling was very satisfactory; in others deficient.

Writing has not been taught in any of the schools as intelligently, carefully, or successfully as its importance deserves, although in all the schools there were specimens of good penmanship presented, and indications of general improvement.

In one school a number of the scholars, at the closing examination, read compositions which were well written, and of an interesting character. The practice of writing compositions should be introduced into all our schools.

In a number of the schools there have been exercises in singing. These exercises are always pleasing to the children, give variety and interest to the school, and exert a good moral influence upon the hearts of all. In the High School, Mr. Lewis N. Lincoln has very kindly given his services Wednesday afternoons in teaching and assisting the pupils to sing. He is worthy, not only of the gratitude, but also of some more tangible remuneration, of the town. An instrument has been kindly lent to the school to assist in this exercise, but one ought to be purchased for the school room.

Gymnastic exercises have been introduced into some of the schools with excellent effect. They interest the scholars, relieve them from the weariness inevitably consequent on their trying to sit still, aid in their muscular development, and are beneficial to their health. They ought to be practised daily in all the schools.

In one of the Primary Schools, at the examination, there was a very interesting object-lesson given by the teacher. The children answered the questions asked very promptly and intelligently. They showed how pleased they are to learn things which they can understand, and how easy it would be to interest them and arouse their mental activity by well-selected

object-lessons. A great deal of instruction could be given in all the schools, and more especially in the primary schools, in this way. While it may not take the place of the regular lessons, it may be used to illustrate them, to awaken the mental activity of the children, and to impart to them many ideas in a way which those lessons cannot do.

In the High School there have been a smaller number advanced scholars than in some years, although a few have attained a good position in scholarship, especially in Latin, in arithmetic, algebra, and in geometry. The larger portion of the scholars are younger than usual, and have consequently not entered upon the higher branches of study. Yet there are a large number of pupils in the school, of good mental capacity, who have been pretty thoroughly grounded in the rudiments of knowledge, and who, if properly instructed, will take a high rank as scholars. The promise of the school was never better that it is at present. It is perhaps necessary for the highest success of the school that a more systematic course of study should be adopted, and that the teachers and committee should exercise more control in assigning studies to the pupils. While the common branches are important and should be thoroughly learned, a larger proportion of the scholars should be taught many other things, which, if they do not learn in the High School they will probably never learn. They ought to acquire some knowledge of the principles of natural philosophy, of chemistry, of physiology, of botany, of geology, and of the Constitution of the United States, and of Massachusetts. It may be objected that there is so much said and written about these things at the present day, and that books and papers are so abundant, that a knowledge of all these things will be gained after leaving school. But the great amount of knowledge, and the profusion of books on these subjects, make it more difficult for persons to find just the information they need, or to read and study the books and treatises which they may meet with, with as much advantage as if they had first learned the principles of these sciences at school. If all the people of the town, when they left the public schools, had been thoroughly grounded in the principles of physiology, and made acquainted with the conditions of health and disease, a sufficient saving would probably be made every year of money now wasted on quack doctors and for patent

medicines, and in recovering from sickness incurred through ignorance of the laws of health, to pay all the expenses of the High School. It is to be hoped that this school may be made more and more a true high school, and afford to all educated in it a more thorough, and a more practical education.

The following table presents the statistics of the schools for the past year.

	Whole Number of Pupils.		Average Attendance.	
	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.
Jerusalem District	40	36	22	25
North Grammar School	38	39	29	30
North Primary ,, ...	36	25	19	21
Centre Grammar ,, ...	52	51	38	42
Centre Primary ,, ...	45	38	20½	20
South Grammar ,, ...	35	34	26	26
South Primary ,, ...	31	35	26	24
Beechwoods ,, ...	54	34	33	20
Beechwoods Primary School . .		39		29½
High School	92	82	47	63½
	423	413	260½	301

The expenses of the schools for the past year have been, as nearly as the Committee can estimate, as follows:—

Jerusalem District	for teaching, $180.00	Fuel &c.,	$33.25
North ,, ,, ,,	300.00	,, ,,	67.00
Centre ,, ,, ,,	300.00	,, ,,	71.00
South ,, ,, ,,	300.00	,, ,,	86.42
Beechwoods ,, ,, ,,	276.00	,, ,,	54.10
High School ,, ,, ,,	930.00	,, ,,	130.50
	$2,286.00		$442.27

Adding these sums, viz., $2,286.00, and $442.27, we have $2,728.27 as the amount expended in support of the schools.

To meet this amount of expenditure there have been,—

The Town's appropriation, ...	$2,600.00
Income of Ripley Fund, ...	50.00
Income of State School-Fund, ...	92.74
Amounting in all to	$2,742.74
Deducting from this amount the cost of the schools, viz.	$2,728.27
There remains an unexpended balance of . . .	$14.47

In addition to this there are $50.00 due from Hull, entered on the Selectmen's Account.

Estimating the expenses of the schools for the current year at the same rate as for last year, viz.,

Jerusalem District	for	teaching,	. . . . .		$180.00
North	,,	,,	,,	. . . . .	300.00
Centre	,,	,,	,,	. . . . .	300.00
South	,,	,,	,,	. . . . .	300.00
Beechwoods	,,	,,	,,	. . . . .	276.00
High School	,,	,,	,,	. . . . .	980.00
The whole amount needed to pay for teaching will be					$2,336.00

The actual expense of the High School last year was $50.00 less than the appropriation for the year, owing to the fact that the school-term was shortened two weeks, and the teacher for the first four weeks was paid only at the rate of $700.00 per annum.

Allowing the same amount for fuel and care of rooms, viz., $442.27, the whole amount required for the support of the schools will be $2,778.27. Deducting from this what may be expected from the Ripley and State School-Funds, viz., $143.00, there will be a remainder of $2,635.27. As something may be received for teaching children from Hull, $2,600.00 only will need to be raised by tax.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
GEORGE BEAL, Jr.,
EDWARD TOWER,
} *School Committee.*

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1867.

INCLUDING THE

Reports of the Overseers of the Poor and Town Treasurer;

WITH A LIST OF MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS, 34 SCHOOL STREET.
1867.

REPORT.

Bills outstanding Feb. 10, 1867.

James S. Beal, repairs on Jerusalem school-house, 1865,	$3 35
Charles H. Wood, Beechwood school-house, 1865,	1 25
Ezekiel Bates, Jr., making fires and splitting wood, 1865,	16 07
Zenas Stoddard, highways, 1865,	54 31
Ezekiel Bates, gravel, 1865,	5 75
Minot Pratt, damage to sheep, 1863,	10 00
Francis L. Bates, highways, 1865,	10 00
John Willcutt, making fires, 1865,	15 00
Welcome Beal & Co., paid making fires, Jerusalem, 1865,	10 00
Thomas Bates, carting coal and lumber, 1865,	17 25
Philip Fox, repairs on North school-house, 1865,	9 65
Welcome Beal & Co., cleaning, etc., 1865,	15 23
" " " wood, Jerusalem school, 1865,	25 00
	$192 86

PRINTING.

Alfred Mudge & Son, Town Reports,	$66 53
Prentiss & Deland, School Committee Reports,	42 13
Blossom & Easterbrook,	3 00
Newcomb B. Tower,	17 50
David Clapp & Son, tax bills,	7 75
	$136 91

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

High School-room.

Elijah N. Barker, setting glass,	$1 00
Mrs. Lyons, cleaning rooms,	8 52
Henry Williston, cleaning,	3 00

Charles A. Gross, brooms, pails, etc.,	8 73
Samuel Nichols,	18 50
Samuel D. Tower,	12 91
Samuel Bates,	1 61
	$54 27

Beechwood School-house.

Thomas A. Bates, repairs,	$7 87
Mary E. Lincoln, cleaning,	5 00
Charles H. Wood, use of well and setting glass,	2 50
Amos Tilden & Son, repairing seat,	75
	$16 12

South School-house.

Charles H. Willard, crayons,	25
Mrs. Williams, cleaning,	$1 12
Bela Stoddard, whitening,	7 50
Gove & Pratt, setting glass,	1 10
Daniel Pratt, labor on stoves,	1 00
Samuel Bates, " " "	10 72
M. B. Stetson & Co., brooms, etc.,	1 56
Amos Tilden & Son,	1 95
Samuel D. Tower,	6 50
Isaac Kent, repairs,	7 37
Loring Bates, repairs,	3 00
	$42 07

Centre School-house.

Mrs. Lyons, cleaning,	$4 00
Charles H. Willard, broom,	55
Bela Stoddard, repairs,	4 75
Calvin Merriam, brooms, ink and crayons,	2 61
	$11 91

North School-house.

Samuel Bates,	$1 00
Phillip Fox, repairs,	7 35
Gove & Pratt, setting glass,	2 05
	$10 40

Jerusalem School-house.

James S. Beal, repairs,	$4 07
Welcome Beal & Co., repairs,	7 25
Samuel Bates, stove and funnel,	19 30
	$30 62

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

High School.

Teachers' salaries,	$980 00
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood,	3 67
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	12 50
E. Q. S. Osgood, care of rooms and making fires,	35 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	42 00
William Hayden, sawing wood,	2 00
Wood from almshouse,	30 00
Martin Lincoln, wood,	6 00
E. E. Ellms, ink and crayons,	15,00
	$1,126 17

North School.

Teachers' salaries,	$300 00
Wood from almshouse,	46 00
E. E. Ellms, ink and crayons,	6 60
	$352 60

Centre School.

Teachers' salaries,	$300 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	4 03
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	21 00
Calvin Merriam, wood, sawing and housing,	16 47
Frederick B. Pratt, making fires,	10 00
	$351 50

South School.

Teachers' salaries,	$300 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	23 83
E. A. Tilden, making fires,	2 00

A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	27 50
Daniel Pratt, sawing wood,	2 00
Tilden & Bates, sawing and housing wood,	2 25
Joseph Eunice, sawing wood,	4 75
W. R. Lincoln, making fires,	8 00
E. E. Ellms, ink and crayons,	6 90
	$377 23

Beechwood School.

Teachers' salaries,	$276 00
Thomas Lincoln, Jr., wood and sawing,	4 75
Rufus Bates, wood,	33 50
John W. Bates, 2d, wood and housing,	13 75
Oliver Bates, making fires,	22 00
E. E. Ellms, ink and crayons,	6 05
	$356 05

Jerusalem School.

Teacher's salary,	$180 00
Welcome Beal & Co., paid making fires,	4 00
	$184 00

TOWN HOUSE.

A. W. Williams, repairs,	$6 87
David Cushing, 2d, lumber,	19 82
Samuel D. Tower, setting glass,	1 50
Samuel Bates, stove funnel,	36 48
A. H. Tower, Jr. coal,	10 50
M. B. Stetson & Co.	23 23
E. N. Barker, repairs,	12 09
L. N. Lincoln, "	8 00
Souther Flint & Co., chairs,	13 00
E. E. Ellms, paper, curtains, etc.,	20 00
	$151 49

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

William W. Studley, steward,	$20 00
" " " sawing wood,	75
26 members' amount of poll-tax,	52 00
Warren E. Ray, repairs,	5 60
Charles A. Gross, oil, etc.,	13 13

T. M. Smith, use of horses,	2 00
Gove & Pratt, setting glass,	1 10
Samuel Bates, stove funnel,	2 05
Amos Tilden & Son,	2 00
Thomas Beal, straps,	2 00
William W. Studley, 1866, in part,	10 00
C. H. Willard, oil, etc.,	6 15
E. E. Ellms, " "	3 85
	$120 63

SCHOOL BOOKS.

E. E. Ellms,	$192 81
Charles H. Willard,	23 48
E. E. Ellms, books School Committee,	16 82
Est. J. O. Lawrence,	1 35
	$234 46

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Burleigh S. Thompson, 1864,	$90
" " " 1865,	5 28
Henry Doane, Jr., 1866,	6 40
James Collier, 1866,	51 20
Edward D. Peters,	76 15
Benjamin F. White,	2 56
George O. Sears,	139 80
Elijah N. Barker,	2 00
John G. Hayden,	2 00
W. H. H. Hancock,	2 00
Charles H. Marble,	2 00
Benjamin F. Oakes,	2 00
Galen Pool,	2 00
Daniel M. Ryan,	2 00
Levi C. Tower,	2 00
John Willcutt,	2 00
William O. Wood,	2 00
Jesse Tower, 1865, $7 69, 1866, $7 03,	14 72
George Manson,	2 00
	$319 01

TOWN CLOCK.

Newcomb Bates,	$25 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Abner N. Bates, gravel, Dist. No. 5,	$15 85
T. Henry Perkins, repairs on Jerusalem road,	52 00
Edward Tower, surveying,	1 00
David Beal, gravel, Dist. No. 6,	15 30
Rachel Lincoln, gravel, Jerusalem road,	4 40
Isaac Kent, repairing bridge on Pleasant Street,	3 52
Leander W. Groce, gravel, Jerusalem road,	6 00
Zaccheus Rich, paid, repairs Jerusalem road,	42 00
David Cushing, 2d, lumber, " "	41 65
Michael Sweney, getting gravel,	31 50
S. S. R. Road Corp., gravel,	66 00
C. A. Gross, spikes and nails, Jerusalem road,	5 20
Francis Beal, repairs, " "	10 00
Z. L. Beal, " " "	6 00
Moses Lincoln, " " "	14 40
Walter S. Beal,	12 00
Isaac W. Beal,	12 25
Ephraim Lincoln,	15 00
Daniel Morse,	3 00
Oren R. Beal,	35 00
Michael Sweney, getting gravel, Dist. No. 2,	35 00
" " labor on bridge, new road,	4 50
Warren Bates, Jr., Jerusalem road,	64 50
Martin Lincoln, bridge, new road,	50 00
Ezekiel Bates, gravel,	11 20
M. G. Groce, gravel,	3 00
Lott Willcutt, blowing rocks, etc.,	63 45
Thomas Bates, gravel,	3 50
Isaiah Lincoln, gravel,	10 25
Amos Tilden & Son, iron work, Jerusalem road,	4 80
Louis N. Lincoln,	10 00
A. H. Tower, gravel, and use of scow,	58 00
Thomas Bates, carting lumber,	4 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, roads and bridges,	13 00
Solomon S. Beal, " " "	13 00
Zaccheus Rich, " " "	13 00
Martin Lincoln, bridge, new road,	49 75
	$803 03

FLAGSTAFF.

Whiton Brothers & Co., Ensign,	$20 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., Manilla,	2 00
	$22 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Edwin Bates,	$51 70
Warren Bates,	3 33
Lott Willcutt,	24 00
Francis L. Bates,	65 00
Isaac Kent,	85 31
Thomas Bates,	55 50
John Burbank,	46 54
Orin R. Beal,	59 12
Samuel Nichols,	16 00
Warren Bates, Jr.,	16 50
David Beal,	2 00
John W. Bates, 2d,	4 50
Louis N. Lincoln,	6 67
S. P. Gove,	2 00
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.,	1 50
Martin Lincoln,	14 49
T. M. Smith and others,	19 24
	$473 40

STATE AND COUNTY TAX, 1866.

State,	$3,750 00
County,	934 23
	$4,684 23

TOWN OFFICERS.

School Committee,	Joseph Osgood,	57 75
	Edward Tower,	30 00
	George Beal, Jr.,	5 25
		$93 00
Selectmen,	J. Q. A. Lothrop,	$35 00
"	" extra services,	20 00
"	" services and expenses on Hingham and Quincy bridge,	45 00
"	" services State aid,	6 00
	Solomon J. Beal,	35 00
	" " State aid,	6 00
	Zaccheus Rich,	35 00
	" " State aid	6 00
		$188 00

Assessors, J. Q. A. Lothrop,	$96 00
" " time, services and expenses, corporation tax,	30 00
Solomon J. Beal,	96 00
Zaccheus Rich,	96 00
	$318 00

Town Clerk, Edward Tower,	$34 95
" " entering births, etc., 1865,	10 00
Town Treasurer and Collector, Calvin Merriam,	$200 00
Reimbursement of bounty money,	$3,685 50

STATE AID.

Amount paid to soldiers and families from Feb. 10, 1865, to Feb. 10, 1866,	$1,421 67

MISCELLANEOUS.

Caleb Lothrop, distributing Town Reports,	$2 50
C. Q. S. and G. Osgood, distributing School Reports,	2 00
Levi L. Worrick, Jr., watching fires in woods,	33 50
Harris & Tucker, Counsellors,	49 00
Edward Tower, stationery and postage,	5 99
" " services as Auditing Committee,	12 00
M. B. Stetson, " " "	12 00
L. N. Bates, " " "	12 00
S. P. Gove, posting warrants,	15 00
Jeremy Towle, return of deaths to Town Clerk,	1 90
S. P. Gove, notifying dog owners,	4 00
Amos Tilden & Son, repairs on hearse,	1 50
Louis N. Lincoln, town meetings,	8 00
" " hall when used free,	5 00
" " making fires and care Selectmen's room,	6 50
Isaac W. Beal, watching at fire, Jerusalem,	5 00
James D. Carter, " " "	5 00
James S. Beal, " " "	5 00
Welcome Beal & Co., refreshments for engine company,	20 75
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, Selectmen,	4 50
" " " " Assessors,	8 00
Newcomb Bates, ringing bell for town meetings,	5 00
Beal's Express,	4 90
C. H. Willard, stationery,	1 60
E. E. Ellms, stationery and books,	4 03
	$234 67

RECAPITULATION.

No. 1.	Bills outstanding, Feb. 10, 1866,	$192	86
" 2.	Printing,	136	91
" 2.	Expenditures on school-houses,	165	39
" 4.	Support of schools,	2,747	55
" 8.	Removing snow,	473	40
" 5.	Town house,	151	49
" 6.	Fire department,	120	63
" 6.	School books,	234	46
" 8.	State and County tax,	4,684	23
" 6.	Abatement of taxes,	319	01
" 7.	Town clock,	25	00
" 7.	Roads and bridges,	803	03
" 9.	Reimbursement of bounty money,	3,685	50
" 9.	State and town aid,	1,421	67
" 9.	Town officers,	843	95
" 10.	Miscellaneous,	234	67
"	Orders to Overseers of Poor,	3,466	77
" 8.	Flagstaff,	22	00
		$19,728	52
Deduct wood from Almshouse for Schools,		76	00
		$19,652	52
Deduct outstanding orders for reimbursement,		39	00
Amount of Selectmen's orders,		$19,613	52

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1867.

Amount of Funded Debt, old issue, 1858, as follows, viz:

Hingham Savings Institution, 1 note, due in 1867,		$500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 9 notes, due in 1867, '68, 69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75.		8,500 00
		$9,000 00

Amount of Funded Debt issued in 1863:

Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., 1 note, due April 1, 1868,	$500 00
Caleb L. Bates, 1 note, due April 1, 1869,	100 00
Bela Bates, 1 note, due April 1, 1869,	200 00
George W. Whitcomb, 1 note, due April 1, 1869,	200 00

Lewis Willcutt, 1 note, due April 1, 1870,	500 00	
Henry Doane, Jr., 1 note, due April 1, 1871,	500 00	
" " " 1872,	500 00	
Levi Lincoln, " " 1873,	500 00	
Calvin Merriam, " " 1874,	500 00	
Est. Newcomb Bates, 1 note, " 1875,	500 00	
Cohasset Savings Bank, 5 notes, due April 1, 1876, '77, '78, '79, '80,	5,000 00	
		$9,000 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING FEB. 10, 1867, ON DEMAND.

James L. Bates,	$100 00
Henry Doane, Jr.,	782 81
Cohasset Savings Bank,	5,500 00
Hingham Savings Bank,	1,000 00
	$7,382 81
Funded Debt, old issue,	9,000 00
" issued in 1863,	9,000 00
Total debt outstanding,	$25,382 81

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, Feb. 10, 1867.

Amount due from State for State aid to Jan. 1, 1867,	$1,329 67
" " " " " " since Jan. 1, 1867,	146 00
" " " " " " balance, 1865,	120 00
" " " " on account of corporation tax,	70 31
" " " " " " Mrs. McGrath,	80 62
" " " " " " Mrs. Mulvey,	8 50
" " " town of Hull,	15 00
" " " Z. L. Beal,	7 50
" " " C. H. Willard,	3 90
" " " F. J. Damon,	34 00
" " " C. L. Rich,	8 00
" " " George Morey,	7 00
" " " John C. Howe,	38 25
" " " Thomas Bates,	4 00
" " " John J. Lothrop,	54 01
" " " Solomon L. Damon,	116 13
" " " City of Salem on account G. Tucker,	36 00
" " " Town of Scituate, Dr. Foster,	16 00
" " " William F. Thayer,	75
" " " former Treasurer,	530 32
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 10, 1867,	670 96
	$3,296 92

Total debt outstanding Feb. 10, 1867,	$25,382 81
Deduct amount of Assets,	3,296 92
Actual debt,	$22,085 89
Reduction of town debt in 1866,	$4,669 73

Respectfully submitted.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
SOLOMON J. BEAL,
ZACCHEUS RICH,
} Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Year ending Feb. 1, 1867.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.	*Dr.*
To stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1866,	$1,591 51
Albert Damon, haying,	4 75
F. F. Foster, medical attendance,	53 50
Bourne & Nickerson, meat,	237 95
John Souther, repairing shoes,	9 05
C. Merriam, groceries and meal,	93 33
Howard Pratt, " "	114 04
J. C. and J. H. Merret, wheels and axle,	38 00
Estate of Curtis Barnes, pasture,	10 00
Lot Bates, ploughing,	5 00
David Beal, cow,	60 00
Galen James, vegetables,	14 76
E. James, cow,	70 00
Estate of J. O. Lawrence, hay rack,	4 50
Samuel Bates, stove, funnel and dippers,	83 49
Benjamin Barnes, fish,	2 50
Estate Levi Lincoln, standing wood,	28 25
Charles Burbank, " "	20 00
" " apples and cider,	14 18
S. P. Gove, removing C. Hayden to Almshouse,	3 00
Town Agent, liquor,	3 36
C. A. Gross, meal and groceries,	64 72
M. B. Stetson & Co., flour, meal, groceries and clothing,	584 21
Keeper's salary,	187 50
E. E. Ellms, medicine,	3 76
C. A. Gross, meal and groceries,	6 80

C. F. Nichols, meal and groceries,	7 81
T. L. Burbank, sawing,	4 74
John Fenno, repairs on wheels,	5 53
C. H. Willard, groceries, etc.,	21 15
F. J. Damon, smith work,	42 37
Wm. F. Thayer, meat,	35 47
Overseer's services,	60 00
	$3,485 23
	Cr.
By 4 Tons English hay,	$120 00
1¾ " salt "	29 75
2 " creek "	28 00
1 Lot top stocks,	5 00
8 Bush. corn,	11 60
3 Rakes,	60
7 Hay forks,	4 00
1 Pair hay-poles,	50
Blocks and falls,	6 00
2 Ladders,	1 50
Manure forks and shovels,	4 00
2 Hoes,	1 00
2 Pick-axes,	2 00
4 Iron bars,	5 00
Scythes and snaths,	7 00
8 Chains,	10 00
1 Cattle-tie,	50
5 Pump chains,	1 00
1 Truck harness,	12 00
1 Wagon "	5 00
1 Brush and comb,	1 00
Lot small tools,	2 00
1 Set plow chains,	2 50
7 Bushels barley,	8 75
1½ " C Corn,	2 10
3 Baskets,	1 00
4 Meal bags,	2 00
Grindstone and scalding-tub,	2 83
1 Horse,	75 00
2 Cows,	150 00
18 Hens,	18 00
8 Turkeys,	16 00
3 Swine,	100 00
1 Hay-cart and wheels,	15 00
2 Drag plank,	2 50
16 Cedar posts,	8 00
1 Lot lumber,	14 00
2 Plows,	7 00

1 Farm-wagon,	75 00
1 Harrow,	7 00
1 Sled,	10 00
1 Wheelbarrow,	2 50
Saws, wood-horse and tubs,	5 50
Beetle and wedges,	3 50
Axes,	5 00
18 Cords pine wood,	99 00
10 " hard "	80 00
11 " trash "	38 00
3 " seasoned pine,	18 00
1 " " " sawed and split,	7 00
370 lbs. extra beef,	55 00
375 " clear pork,	75 00
65 " ham,	13 00
40 Bush. potatoes,	30 00
1½ " apples,	3 38
50 " roots,	37 50
11 Casks,	11 00
1 Bush. salt,	75 00
5 Wash tubs,	3 50
101½ lbs. fresh beef,	20 30
1½ Bush. rye meal,	2 40
1½ " corn "	1 75
1 Washing machine and wringer,	9 00
Clothes basket, line and pins,	2 00
Hammer, hatchet, etc.,	2 00
10 lbs. sausages,	2 00
50 " soap grease,	3 00
60 " lard,	12 00
6 " butter,	2 70
5 Gallons molasses,	3 25
2 " vinegar,	80
2 lbs. saleratus,	24
1 " tea,	1 24
Boxes and spices,	1 00
Tin, earthen and glass ware,	25 00
5 lbs. sugar,	70
12 lbs. tallow,	1 68
30 " candles,	6 00
5 " suet,	1 25
1 Churn,	2 50
1 Lot preserves,	3 00
16 lbs. fish,	1 60
1 " soap,	12
6 " raisins, 25 cts.	1 50
4 Stoves and funnel,	30 00
1 Cook stove,	78 00

Pails, dippers and flats,	2 00
1 Peck onions,	25
20 Barrels,	5 00
10 Feather beds (single),	40 00
2 " " (double),	40 00
10 Comforters,	20 00
4 Blankets,	4 00
3 Quilts,	7 50
20 Pillow cases,	6 00
25 Sheets,	25 00
14 Yards gingham,	4 20
20 Pillows,	10 00
¾ lb. tobacco,	60
2 lbs. snuff,	1 90
1 Ox-yoke,	2 00
	$1,646 24

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT BY SALES.

	Cr.
By Town Scituate, 156½ weeks' board and clothing, @ 3.25,	$508 62
F. J. Damon, hay, posts, plank and pigs,	31 00
North School, wood,	46 00
Bourne & Nickerson, calf and hide,	33 60
Wm. B. Johnson, cart,	20 00
Daniel Hudson, hay,	9 00
Philip Fox, drag plank,	2 50
L. L. Warrick, pigs,	16 00
Charles Rich, "	8 00
J. W. Nichols, "	16 00
Charles Burbank, "	8 00
G. W. Cousins, "	8 00
Nymphas Litchfield, "	8 00
Joseph H. Merret, "	6 00
Munroe Merret, "	6 00
David Beal, cow,	50 00
C. W. Tilden, sled and plank,	9 00
George Moorey, posts,	7 00
John C. Howe, hay,	36 00
High School, wood,	30 00
Lot Bates, barrels,	3 25
Thomas Bates, yoke,	4 00
Samuel Bates, stove,	8 00
R. T. Burbank, cash for keeper's work,	3 00
John Burbank, " " shovelling snow,	1 50

City of Salem, for Gideon Tucker,		36 00
Scituate, for doctoring,		16 00
J. C. Howe and Wm. F. Thayer, straw,		3 00
8½ weeks' board of Mrs. Damon,		19 13
		$955 60
Amount of stock on hand brought up,		$1,646 24
		$2,601 84
Debit brought forward,	$3,485 23	
Credit,	2,601 84	
Almshouse Dr. to balance,		$883 39
Expense of inmates of Almshouse, 366 weeks, at $2.41⅓ per week,		$883 39

SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE ALMS-HOUSE.

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1867.

Paid S. L. Hospital, B. P. Towle,		$96 43
" Henry Litchfield,		109 77
" David Willcut,		180 43
" J. E. Bates,		170 36
" J. J. Lothrop,		204 43
" City of Boston, M. A. Heyward,		109 29
" " " S. P. Joy,		28 63
" " " Eunice Sterling,		84 00
Assistance to Susan Waters, Howard Pratt's bill,		52 00
Assistance to E. B. Gilbert, N. G. Thompson, board,		87 50
Assistance to David Vinal,		
C. Merriam, bill,	$49 00	
C. H. Willard,	7 00	
Galen James, hauling wood,	75	
		56 75
Assistance to John Willcut, C. Merriam, bill,		10 00
Assistance to Mrs. Lambert,		
C. H. Willard, groceries,	72 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	11 00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	7 13	
C. A. Gross, groceries,	6 62	
		96 75
Assistance to Mrs. John Mulvy, A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,		8 50

Assistance to Mrs. McGrath,		
C. A. Gross, groceries,	51 57	
Wm. F. Thayer, meat,	5 10	
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood and clothing,	5 95	
F. Foster, medicine and attendance,	15 00	
		77 62
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,		3 00
Assistance to Mary Mulvy,		
Lot Bates, wood,		4 50
Assistance to Joseph Wilson,		
John Tyrar, board,	40 00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., clothing,	3 41	
		43 41
Assistance to Levi C. Tower,		
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	7 00	
A. H. Tower, wood,	9 00	
		16 00
Paid Jerimee Towle, bill, for burial of William Stephenson and Mary A. Fish,		7 00
		1,396 37

Cr.

By cash of J. J. Lothrop,	204 43	
By cash of Samuel Stockbridge, on account of H. Litchfield, in full,	109 77	
Town of Hingham, in full, for S. Waters,	52 01	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on account of Mrs. McGrath,	80 62	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on account of Mrs. John Mulvy,	8 50	
Amount of outside expense, Cr.,	455 33	
Outside expense, Dr. to balance,	941 04	
		1,396 37

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid R. T. Burbank, bill on well,	$24 00
" L. L. Warrick, " "	21 00
" Bela Stoddard, whitewashing, etc.,	11 00
" Expense of J. Louis to State Almshouse,	1 75
" Howard Pratt, nails,	1 03
" Samuel Bates, zinc for stoves,	6 07
" S. P. Gove, repairs on windows,	5 50
" C. Merriam, hard ware.	30
	$70 65

Almshouse bills outstanding Feb. 1, 1866:	
C. Merriam, groceries,	29 49
Mrs. Souther, cow,	67 50
Doct. F. Foster, medicine and attendance,	32 75
John Fenno, repairs on wheels,	5 00
	$134 74
Outside bills outstanding Feb. 1, 1866:	
H. G. Thompson for board,	$12 50
City of Boston, M. A. Heyward,	13 00
State Lunatic Hospital, due Jan. 1, 1866,	486 15
	$511 65

Respectfully submitted.

M. B. STETSON,
LOT BATES,
DAVID BEAL,
Overseers of the Poor.

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

From Feb. 10 *to May* 8, 1866.

	Cr.
By cash and liquors, as per Report,	$144 77
Amounts of sales to date,	146 96
" liquors to date,	115 42
	$407 15

	Dr.
To amount of liquors, as per Report,	$103 39
Paid for liquors,	133 76
Beal's Express,	2 25
Agent's salary to date,	15 00
" of liquor to date,	115 42
Cash to balance,	37 33
	$407 15
Amount of liquors delivered C. A. Gross,	115 42
" cash,	37 33
	$152 75

PHILANDER BATES.

Cohasset, May 8, 1866.

Charles A. Gross, in account with town of Cohasset,	*Dr.*
To cash and liquors from former agent,	$152 75
Amount of sales from May 9, to Feb. 10, 1866,	336,26
	$489 01

	Cr.
Cash paid for liquors,	$274 61
Beal's Express,	3 90
Record book, and faucet,	1 67
U. S. license,	25 00
Agent, salary to date,	37 49
Cash and liquors on hand,	146 34
	$489.01

CHARLES A. GROSS, *Agent.*

COHASSET, Feb. 11, 1867.

CALVIN MERRIAM, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF COHASSET.

Dr. 1866–67.			Cr. 1866–67.		
To am't paid on account of former Treasurer,		$1,732 11	By am't received from former Treasurer,		$1,857 19
" " on Selectmen's orders for the year,		15,967 02	" of State of Mass. School Fund,		132 00
" " Reimbursement money,		3,646 50	" of balance State aid, 1864,		212 50
" " Discount on taxes to Oct, 1, 1866,		910 93	" of State aid, 1865,		3,000 00
" " Hingham Inst'n for Savings, 1 note,		1,000 00	" of State Treas. Corporation Tax, in part,		2,038 49
" " Hingham National Bank, 2 notes,		3,000 00	" for sale of grass, Strait Pond Flats,		141 00
" " Rufus Bates, Jr., balance note,		100 00	" " " land, " " "		141 00
" " Thomas Morey, demand note,		150 00	" from Town of Scituate, board paupers, 1865,		507 00
" " Loring Bates, demand note,		500 00	" " " " " 1866,		508 62
" " Francis C. Tower, demand note,		100 00	" " Overseers of the Poor, sales at Almshouse, 1865,		125 20
" " Notes given for hired money,		9,000 00	" " Overseers of the Poor, sales at Almshouse, 1866,		107 61
" " Interest on town's notes and hired money,		2,069 91	" " City of Boston, supplies to Mary Clark,		31 00
			" " Town of Hull, on account of school,		45 00
			" " S. P. Gove, for lumber, Mill Bridge,		4 20
			" " J. J. Lothrop, board of son,		150 42
			" " Town of Hingham, on account of Mrs. Waters,		52 01
			" " Samuel Stockbridge, on account of Henry Litchfield,		400 00
			" " Cohasset Savings Bank, interest and extra dividend, Ripley Fund,		150 00
			" " Louis N. Lincoln, Town Hall,		62 00
			" " Interest on 1865 tax,		2 04
			" " Hired money in anticipation of taxes,	9,000 00	
			" of tax list for 1866,	19,980 15	
To balance in the Treasury,		670 96			
		$38,847 43			$38,847 43

Cohasset, Feb. 10, 1867.

C. MERRIAM, *Treasurer.*

MARRIAGES, 1866.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.	OCCUPATION.
April 8	Thomas Ward,	Cohasset,	W. Randolph,	Laborer.
	Mary E. Minot,	"	Cohasset,	
April 17	Edwin B. Studley,	"	Hingham,	Laborer.
	Melissa Eastman,	"	Dixfield, Me.	
April 27	David B. Lincoln,	"	Hingham,	Hotel-k'per.
	Elvira Crocker,	"	Provincetown,	
Mar. 6	Charles A. Gross,	"	Duxbury,	Trader.
	Martha J. Bates,	"	Cohasset,	
June 13	Joseph L. Litchfield,	Scituate,	Scituate,	Shoemaker.
	Sarah Lee Bates,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
June 25	Orin A. Beal,	"	"	Shoemaker.
	Sarah Y. Bates,	"	"	
Aug. 5	Charles F. Davis,	"	Beverly,	Clerk.
	Emma Z. Fox,	"	Boston,	
Aug. 6	Manuel C. Mills,	"	Western Isles,	Mariner.
	Rita Julie Morris,	"	" "	
Oct. 2	James Fanning,	"	Ireland,	Laborer.
	Anna McCarty,	Boston,	"	
Oct. 29	Joseph E. Fruites,	Cohasset,	Western Isles,	Mariner.
	Mary Glorin,	"	" "	
Nov. 14	John F. Smith,	"	" "	Mariner.
	Lucy E. Francis,	"	" "	
Nov. 18	Charles T. Sylvester,	S. Scituate,	S. Scituate,	Shoemaker.
	Rhoda Winslow,	"	" "	
Dec. 10	Manuel P. Valling,	Cohasset,	Western Isles,	Mariner.
	Sarah Antone,	"	Cohasset,	

DEATHS, 1866.

Date.	Names.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Birthplace.	Disease or Cause of Death.
Feb. 2	Wm. L. Pratt, Jr.	5	2		Cohasset,	Typhoid Fever.
" 4	Wm. Stevens,	75			England,	Intemperance.
Mar. 30	Emma E. Wood,			8	Cohasset,	Infancy.
Apr. 1	Mary V. Fruites,			8	"	Cholera Infantum.
" 5	Harry K. Wilson,	4	8		"	Croup.
" 13	Nellie S. Faxon,	3	7		"	Scarlatina.
" 24	Marianna Francis,		1	11	"	"
" 27	Harriet T. Marble,	23	5		"	Consumption.
May 15	Steph. W. Arnold,		2		"	Diphtheria.
June 30	Benj. F. Arnold,	9	7		"	Malig'nt Erysipelas.
" 1	Elisha R. Fish,	36	2	14	Marshfield,	Consumption.
" 15	Ellen Sweeney,	53			Ireland,	"
" 17	Jas. M. Sweeney,	22	5	9	"	"
July 23	Benj. F. Smith, Jr.	3	9		Marlboro',	
Aug. 6	—— Pratt,			1	Cohasset,	Cholera Infantum.
" 17	Mary Grucin,		7	15	"	"
" 20	Abby A. Decosta,	8	10	11	N. Bridg'wr,	Fever.
Sept. 11	G. E. Stoddard,		1	12	Boston,	Cholera Infantum.
" 16	Rev. E. Q. Sewall,	70			Marblehead,	Dropsy.
" 20	Mary A. Fish,	35			Cohasset,	Consumption.
" 22	Allen L. Souther,	28	8		"	Softening of Brain.
" 30	Abg'l Stephenson,	69			"	Consumption.
Oct. 9	Susan L. Nichols,		9		"	Dysentery.
" 10	A. M. Compton,	2		20	Scituate,	Disease of Heart.
Nov. 1	Eliza A. Palmer,	35	4		Cohasset,	Consumption.
" 13	John Clark,	54			England,	"
" 15	Anna M. Bates,	24			Cohasset,	Dropsy.
Dec. 20	Adam Cushing,	71		20	Hingham,	Congest'n of Lungs.
" 28	Nichols Tower,	79		5	Cohasset,	Old Age.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

For the Year 1866–67.

BOSTON:
PRENTISS & DELAND, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
No. 40, Congress Street.
1867.

REPORT.

The School Committee hereby present to the Town their Annual Report.

There have been but few changes in the schools the past year, with respect to their condition and organization, although there has been a greater change of teachers than usual. The school in the Jerusalem District was continued, with good success, under the charge of Miss Mary Lincoln. The North District School was commenced under the care of Miss Martha J. Bates, who taught the school six weeks. She then resigned her position, and was succeeded by Miss Caroline Pratt, who taught the school during the remainder of the year. Miss Emily L. Bates continued in charge of the North Primary School through the year. Miss Abby N. Bates having withdrawn from the Centre School, Miss Sarah Merriam was employed in her place, and conducted the school successfully through the year, but declines to take charge of it for another year. The Centre Primary School was continued under the instruction of Miss Annie A. Souther. The South District School was taught during the year by Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop, and the South Primary was continued under the instruction of Miss Myra L. Beal. Miss Emily S. Lee taught the Beechwoods Summer School, Mr. L. Webster Bates the Winter Grammar School in the Beechwoods District, and Miss Ella M. Bates the Primary School in the same district. The High School was continued under the instruction of Col. Samuel Harrington. Miss M. Anna Rich, who had previously taught with success the South School, was employed as assistant in the High School.

It will thus be observed that an unusually large number of new teachers were engaged in teaching our schools. The North and South District Schools were taught by young ladies who

had had no previous experience in teaching; and the Centre and Beechwoods District Schools were in charge of teachers, who, although they had had previous experience, had never before taught in our schools.

It would not have been surprising if some of these new teachers should have met with serious difficulties, or should have failed of success altogether; but they were all able to maintain good discipline in their schools, and to teach efficiently. They, of course, were not able to accomplish so much for their pupils as they would have been if they had had them longer under their care, and had, by long familiarity, become acquainted with their dispositions, characters, capacities, and mental wants and peculiarities, yet they became more efficient and useful the longer they taught; and those of them who may be employed in the schools another year, will probably find their work easier and pleasanter to themselves and more advantageous to their pupils, than it was last year. Most of our teachers, and indeed of all teachers, whatever may have been their theoretic training, must learn to teach and govern children by experience. Accordingly we find that all our teachers who have any real interest in their profession and desire for improvement, become better qualified for their office year by year, and their schools become correspondingly more pleasant and excellent.

We find confirmation of this in the success of those schools during the past year which have been continued for some years under the same teachers. They have been in an eminently harmonious and prosperous condition, and the children in them have made unusually good progress in learning. These remarks apply with especial force to the three Central Primary Schools, and the Jerusalem School. The High School was smaller than usual the past year, and there were but few older and advanced scholars in it. A large proportion of the pupils are young. But the condition of the school appeared to be good when it was visited, and the scholars seemed generally to be interested in the school and in their studies. As the school was small, many children were transferred from the Grammar Schools to it who were qualified to join classes already formed, thus relieving the Grammar Schools of small classes, or fragments of classes, and adding to the numbers and the interest of the pupils in the High School. There will be but few to enter the High

School from the other schools during the current year, and, in consequence, those scholars who are now members of the school will have an excellent opportunity for pursuing their studies with success.

While there was no change of school-books during the year, efforts were made to secure a better system of study, and to enable each school, as far as possible, to do its appropriate work.

In the Primary Schools reading, spelling, and the simplest elements of arithmetic were chiefly taught. All children of average natural capacity, who are sent to school regularly, should, in these schools be able to read with ease what they can understand, to spell the more common words, and to repeat the multiplication table. When they can do this they are prepared to enter the Grammar Schools, whatever may be their age.

In the Grammar Schools instruction in reading and spelling should be continued with more thoroughness and efficiency than in any of our schools at present. Colburn's First Lessons should be thoroughly learned, Walton's Table should be mastered completely, and Eaton's Common-School Arithmetic either completed or learned thoroughly through Fractions. Daily exercise in writing and in geography ought, if well conducted, during the five years spent in these schools, to give a very good training in these branches. Grammar is not now taught as a regular study in these schools, but the teachers are instructed to teach their pupils orally. By this method children may acquire a better knowledge of grammar than they used to do by two or three years' study of the text books. Those pupils who have passed through this course of instruction are well fitted to enter the High School.

In the High School the study of the same branches is continued, and, in addition, a text book in grammar is taken up and opportunities are afforded the pupils to study history, algebra, physiology, natural philosophy, Latin, and other higher branches, as they may have inclination and ability.

The more thoroughly the children are instructed in the Primary and Grammar Schools, and the more rapid the progress they make, the earlier can they enter the High School, and the more comprehensive and thorough may their education there be made. But one great difficulty all our schools have to contend with is the large number of scholars who are very

backward in learning, so that when they are of proper age to be admitted into the High School they have not made the acquirements that should be made in the Grammar Schools, or perhaps even in the Primary Schools. They are apt to be the most troublesome children in the schools, and keep back all the others in their learning. There are two causes of the dullness of these children. Some are wanting in natural capacity. They may, or may not, be intelligent with respect to other things, but it is impossible for them with the time and attention that can be devoted to them in our public schools, to make any satisfactory progress in learning. They deserve our sympathy, and should be treated tenderly and considerately, and helped and encouraged all in our power. But probably the larger proportion of those most backward in our schools are so by reason of their irregular attendance, and of the want of right influences at home. If boys and girls are suffered to be absent frequently from school, if they are permitted to spend their evenings in the streets, or if their parents show no interest in their studies, they cannot be expected to become good scholars, or to take any interest in learning. Then a great injury is done to our schools, but especially to the High School, by the pupils being permitted to give up studies when they become hard, and fail to please them; and also by their being allowed to leave the school before the close of the term. Our schools can never become what they ought to be till a more regular attendance of the children is secured, and a more systematic course of study is carried out.

It has been the desire and endeavor of the committee to secure a more thorough and practical course of study and training in all the schools. The careful teaching of reading has been urged; and it is believed that very good results have followed. Many of the children, even when quite young, have learned to read with facility. Instruction in writing has also been urged on the teachers, and much time has been given to this branch, but it has not yet received sufficient attention, nor has so much improvement been made as could be desired.

A good deal of attention has been given in our schools to geography, but it is not yet taught in the right way, nor is it made as interesting and useful as it might be made.

The committee have encouraged the introduction of singing and gymnastic exercises in all the schools, and wherever they

have been introduced they have increased the interest of the scholars, and while they have relieved the weariness of the school-room and refreshed the children, they have indirectly helped them in their studies and learning. Mr. LINCOLN would have been willing to assist the children in the High School in singing, but declined doing so for want of an instrument, which is very necessary for this exercise. All the teachers were urged to teach as much as possible by oral instruction and object lessons, not confining themselves to the text books, but imparting ideas rather than words, and being intent that their pupils should clearly comprehend the subjects studied, rather than merely go over and be able to recite so many pages.

Our schools are probably as good as the average of the schools throughout the State. Perhaps they are better. There is not, probably, one town in the whole State where the schools are so good, considering that so small a compensation is paid to the female teachers. But there are indications of a coming change for the worse. We cannot hope to retain the services of good teachers for the small salaries we have been accustomed to pay, nor can we secure the services of successful teachers from other towns, or hold out sufficient inducements to encourage young ladies to educate themselves properly at home. It is getting to be a serious business to secure competent teachers for our schools. We have thus far been able to effect it by taking imperfectly educated and inexperienced young ladies, and permitting them to learn the art of teaching by practice on our children, without any professional education for their work. We should be unwilling to submit our children to imperfectly educated and inexperienced young surgeons or physicians to try practice upon, in order that after much false practice and sacrificing many lives, they might acquire skill and experience in their professions. No more reasonable is it that we submit our children for a year or two, at the most tender and susceptible period of their lives, to crude and unwise teaching, which may give so wrong a bent to their mental action, or so disgust them with learning that their education will suffer a permanent and irretrievable injury. Yet such is the process by which we have been obliged to educate our teachers. When we could secure their services for a number of years we could better afford to endure this process, but if we are to have as many changes in the future as we had the past year, our schools will

soon seriously suffer. Without the least disparagement to our teachers it may be asserted, that they all need a more broad and thorough education for their work, and instruction and drill in the best methods of school teaching and discipline. But the compensation which they receive presents to them no motive to make this preparation. They certainly deserve high commendation for their faithfulness and industry, and for their persistence in the face of great obstacles, and for the efficiency as teachers which they have acquired through painful experience. Probably no class of persons do so much and so hard work for so small pay, as our female teachers. It is neither just nor wise for the Town to continue to give to them so small compensation. If their salaries are properly raised, we can justly require of them a higher preparation for their work; and if we fail to find suitably-educated persons in the Town to take charge of our schools, we can offer some inducement to competent teachers from out of town to take charge of them.

The average wages we paid female teachers for 1865–6 (and we made no change last year), was $15.25 per month. The average compensation paid that year in Norfolk County was $26.92, and the lowest compensation, next above that of Cohasset, was that of Randolph, which paid $17.50. The average for the whole State was $21.82. There was no one county where the average was as low as in Cohasset, and there were only six towns in the whole State which paid their female teachers so low a compensation, viz., Goshen, Rowe, Monterey, Marrion, Scituate, and Provincetown. Their average was but 60 cents a month less than that of Cohasset, and when we consider that in all these towns the price of board was considerably lower than in Cohasset, the compensation which they paid was probably of greater value. Scituate raised considerably the wages of her female teachers last year. It must be borne in mind that the valuation of Cohasset was $1,174,953. In the year 1845–6, just twenty years before, when the valuation of the Town was only $306,717, the average wages paid female teachers in the Town was $12.00 per month. That year the average for the County of Norfolk was $14.56, and for the whole State but $13.15. There were six counties whose average was less than that of Cohasset. The valuation of the Town in twenty years has increased more than 280 per cent. The wages of our female teachers 27 per cent. We have been able to secure the

services of teachers for our schools only because most of them have been able to board at home, and have been educated in our public schools.

There has been too great want of system and uniformity in the management of our schools in several particulars. The committee have, therefore, adopted the following regulations for the better ordering and the more efficient conducting of the schools.

REGULATIONS.

1. Children are to be admitted to the schools only when they have reached the age of five years.

2. No scholar shall go from the Primary Schools to the Grammar Schools, or from the Grammar Schools to the High School without the knowledge and approval of the committee.

3. Each school shall have two sessions, of three hours each, five days in the week; except on very stormy days, when there may be one session of five hours, the school closing at two o'clock, P.M.

4. The school-houses shall be kept closed when the schools are not in session; but each teacher shall be present and open the school-room at least ten minutes before the regular time for the beginning of the session. When scholars stay at noon they shall keep the rooms closed, and be responsible for the care of the rooms and for any damage that may be done in them.

5. The sessions shall begin punctually at 9 o'clock, A.M., and close at 12; and begin at 1½, P.M., and close at 4½, unless arranged otherwise with the consent of the committee.

6. The morning sessions shall begin with reading from the Bible; and it is recommended that this reading be followed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert, or by singing a hymn.

7. There shall be a recess each session, in every school, of fifteen minutes; the boys and girls having the recess at the same time, and each sex confining themselves to the yard or limits appropriated to them; except that in the High School the boys and girls shall have separate recesses of ten minutes for each sex. Whenever the children belonging to any Grammar or Primary School cannot be confined at recess to their separate yards, or limits, the boys and girls shall have separate recesses of ten minutes for each sex.

8. Fast and Thanksgiving days, the Fourth of July, Christmas, the Twenty-second of February, and the first day of May, shall be holidays, and the schools shall be suspended on those days. When one of those days comes on Sunday, the next day shall be observed as a holiday. Teachers shall have the privilege of suspending their schools to attend the Norfolk County Teachers' Convention, but shall suspend their schools at no other time without the consent of the committee.

9. Singing, gymnastic exercises, and object teaching, are recommended to be introduced into all the schools, and daily attended to, so far as may be practicable.

10. In all the schools, except the Primary, not less than half an hour every day shall be devoted to the teaching of penmanship; and during that exercise the teachers shall attend to nothing else, but shall spend the whole half hour in instructing and assisting their pupils in this art.

11. Teachers are instructed to take notice of any damage or injury that may be done to the school-houses, out-houses, fences, or school furniture, ascertain by whom the injury has been done, and if not repaired immediately by the child or children who have done it, to report the case to the Selectmen, whose duty it is (according to a By-Law of the Town) to repair the damage; the expense of which is to be collected by the Treasurer of the Town from the parents or guardians of the child or children who caused the damage.

The teachers will be expected to comply strictly with these regulations.

It was for many years our custom to permit the teachers to take half a day every month, for the purpose of visiting each other's schools. Last year a different course was pursued. It was arranged that all the teachers, in company with one or more members of the committee, should visit in succession all the different schools. This required the suspension of each school only five half days in the year, and much benefit was thought to have been derived from those visits, in making the teachers acquainted with the best methods pursued by each other, affording an opportunity for offering suggestions to all in common, increasing the interest of the children, and exciting in all, scholars, teachers, and committee, greater enthusiasm in the work. It also afforded opportunities for mutual counsel and conversation on the interests of the schools.

The following table presents the statistics of the schools the past year.

	Whole Number of Pupils.		Average Attendance.	
	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.
Jerusalem District	40	40	30	28
North Grammar School	30	35	20	23½
North Primary ,, ...	39	39	22	23
Centre Grammar ,, ...	50	50	26	29
Centre Primary ,, ...	44	34	26	19
South Grammar ,, ...	29	33	24	27
South Primary ,, ...	35	36	25	27
Beechwoods	61	36	43½	26
Beechwoods Primary		32		22½
High School	82	79	52½	53¾
	410	414	269	278¾

The expenses of the schools the past year were, as nearly as the committee could ascertain, as follows:—

Jerusalem District, for teaching,	$180.00	. . Fuel, &c.		$54.23
North ,, ,,	300.00	. . ,,		56.00
Centre ,, ,,	300.00	. . ,,		51.50
South ,, ,,	300.00	. . ,,		70.33
Beechwoods ,, ,,	276.00	. . ,,		73.00
High School ,, ,,	980 00	. . ,,		131.17
	$2,336.00			$436.23

Adding together these sums we have a total of $2,772.23 as the amount expended for teaching in the schools, for fuel and for making fires and the care of the rooms. Something more was expended for ink, crayons, and a few books for the use of the teachers in the schools, but these items cannot be charged to the amount raised for their support.

To meet the expense of the schools the past year, there have been —

The Town's appropriation, viz.	$2600.00
Income from Ripley Fund	150.00
Received from State School Fund	132.00
Due from Hull	29.00
	$2911.00
Deducting from this the expense of the schools, viz.	2772.23
Leaves an unexpended balance of	$138.77

The only change which the committee would recommend in the appropriation of the money, would be to appropriate the same amount to the Beechwoods District as to each of the Central Districts, viz., $300.

The appropriations for teaching then will be, for the

Jerusalem District	$180.00
North ,, ...	300.00
Centre ,, ...	300.00
South ,, ...	300.00
Beechwoods ,, ...	300.00
High School ,, ...	980.00
Total amount for teaching	$2360.00

Estimating the expense of fuel the same as the past year, viz., $436.23, the expense of the schools the current year will be $2796.23. To meet this expense there will be —

The overplus of last year	$139.77
Interest of Ripley Fund	50.00
Income from State School-Fund	132.00
From Hull, perhaps	30.00
	$351.77

This deducted from $2796.23 the estimated expense of the schools will leave $2444.46.

$2500.00, then, should be raised by taxation to continue our schools on the present system, with the same compensation to the teachers as the past year, including the proposed change in the appropriation to the Beechwoods District. If, however, the salaries of the female teachers are raised, as many hundred dollars additional will be needed as the number of dollars their salaries shall be increased per month.

The cause of the unusually large surplus of money beyond the expenses of the schools the last year was the extra dividend of $100 paid on the Ripley Fund by the Cohasset Savings Bank, and an increase of about $40 from the State School Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
EDWARD TOWER,
L. N. BATES,
} *School Committee.*

Cohasset, March 4, 1867.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1868.

INCLUDING THE

Reports of the Overseers of the Poor and Town Treasurer;

WITH A LIST OF MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS, 34 SCHOOL STREET.
1868.

REPORT.

Bills outstanding, February 10, 1867.

John Willcutt, making fires North School, 1866,	$15 00
" " shovelling snow, North School, 1866,	2 00
Southward Pratt, labor on flagstaff, 1866,	3 00
Samuel G. James, horse for engine,	1 00
Lot Willcutt, getting gravel, 1866,	17 50
Isaac S. Pratt, gravel for roads, 1864,	1 60
C. F. Nichols, almshouse, 1866,	7 65
Franklin J. Damon, almshouse, 1866,	42 37
Alonzo L. Palmer, almshouse, 1866,	7 50
Z. L. Beal, almshouse, 1866,	25 00
Calvin Merriam, revenue stamps, 1866,	10 00
	$132 62

PRINTING.

Alfred Mudge & Son, printing Town Reports, 1867,	$70 15
Prentiss & Deland, School Committee Reports,	39 57
Newcomb B. Tower,	56 00
	$165 72

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

High School-room.

Samuel D. Tower, repairs,	$10 00
Snow, Boyden & Knight, slate surface,	3 90
Martin N. Bates, repairs,	3 75
Samuel Bates, repairs,	2 86
Edward E. Ellms, crayons, ink, etc.,	16 15
Charles A. Gross, brooms, ink, etc.,	1 18
Calvin Merriam, ink,	62
	$38 46

Beechwood School-house.

Ezra Brown, repairs,	$8 75
Charles H. Wood, repairs,	2 75

Samuel Bates, repairs,	$1 29
Edward E. Ellms, crayons, ink, etc.,	3 70
Jane Kinsley, cleaning,	5 00
Howard Pratt, brooms, mugs, etc.,	2 12
	$23 61

South School-house.

Snow, Boyden & Knight, slate surface,	$2 92
Samuel D. Tower, setting glass, painting, etc.,	14 09
Charles A. Gross, broom,	45
Samuel Bates, repairs on stove,	4 00
Edward E. Ellms, crayons, ink, etc.,	2 75
William A. W. Tilden, repairs,	6 88
	$31 09

Centre School-house.

Snow, Boyden & Knight, slate surface,	$2 93
Samuel D. Tower, setting glass, etc.,	4 62
Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves,	6 33
Edward E. Ellms, books for teachers,	1 40
Zaccheus Rich, building steps,	7 15
Calvin Merriam, ink, crayons, etc.,	6 77
Mrs. Mulchia and Lyons, cleaning,	4 50
	$33 70

North School-house.

Snow, Boyden & Knight, slate surface,	$2 92
Bela Stoddard, repairs,	12 25
Samuel D. Tower, repairs,	2 75
Samuel Bates, repairs,	75
Mrs. Mulvey, cleaning,	4 75
Calvin Merriam, ink and crayons,	4 07
Job Pratt, labor and stock,	1 50
	$28 99

Jerusalem School-house.

Snow, Boyden & Knight, slate surface,	$2 93
Samuel D. Tower, repairs,	2 75
Welcome Beal, crayons, repairs, etc.,	8 29
	$13 97

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

High School.

Teachers' salaries	$1,040 00
William B. Taylor, sawing wood,	1 67
Martin Lincoln, wood,	9 00
E. Q. S. Osgood, care of rooms and making fires,	35 00
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood,	5 50
Caleb Nichols, wood,	15 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	7 50
A. H. Tower, jr., coal,	44 50
Samuel N. Lincoln, sawing, splitting and housing wood,	3 75
	$1,161 92

North School.

Teachers' salaries,	$420 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood.	8 75
George Fox, care of rooms, and sawing wood,	8 75
William B. Taylor, sawing wood,	3 33
A. H. Tower, jr., coal and slabs,	31 87
James Mulvey, making fires,	6 00
	$478 70

Centre School.

Teachers' salaries,	$420 00
Thomas Lincoln, wood,	4 50
David W. Whitcomb, wood,	6 00
A. H. Tower, jr., coal,	18 00
John Hollis, making fires,	10 00
Calvin Merriam, getting in wood and coal,	2 25
	$460 75

South School.

Teachers' salaries,	$420 00
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood,	6 83
Tilden & Bates, sawing and splitting wood,	4 50
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	16 62
A. H. Tower, jr., coal,	35 61
Edward Tilden, making fires,	10 00
	$493 56

Beechwood School.

Teachers' salaries,	$420 00
Thomas A. Bates, wood,	3 75
Orlando Curtis, sawing, splitting, etc.,	7 55

Howard Pratt, wood,	$4 25
Edwin Bates, wood,	15 45
John W. Bates, 2d, wood,	7 70
Timothy W. Brown, housing wood,	3 00
Isaac S. Pratt, wood,	25 65
Herbert L. Brown, making fires,	10 00
	$497 35

Jerusalem School.

Teachers' salaries,	$240 00
David Beal, wood,	31 25
Welcome Beal, wood and sawing,	5 00
Welcome Beal, paid making fire, etc.,	9 62
	$285 87

TOWN HOUSE.

Elijah N. Barker, painting,	$1 50
Zaccheus Rich, repairs,	5 10
Samuel Bates, repairs,	8 30
A. H. Tower, jr., coal,	30 32
Merchants' and Farmers' Insurance Co., $2,500,	76 00
Quincy Mutual Insurance Co., 2,000,	46 00
Dorchester Mutual Insurance Co., 2,500,	51 00
Samuel D. Tower, repairs,	1 60
	$219 82

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

William W. Studley, steward,	$10 00
J. Tirrell, entertainment,	14 00
Thirty-two members' amount of poll-tax,	64 00
Charles A. Gross, oil, varnish, etc.,	8 00
D. W. Pratt, setting glass,	1 20
Elijah N. Barker, labor and stock,	5 25
Philander Bates, leather, etc.,	1 60
S. G. Cheever, repairs on hose,	13 25
Hunneman & Co., " " "	186 00
William W. Studley, sawing wood,	3 00
Samuel Bates,	37
E. E. Ellms, oil, etc.,	2 49
A. H. Tower, jr., coal,	2 80
Thomas M. Smith, horse,	2 00

Charles F. Tilden, repairs,	$6 00
Beals' Express,	6 35
A. H. Tower, wood,	1 50
	$327 81

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Edward E. Ellms, School Committee,	$9 15
" " "	98 62
Charles H. Willard,	8 66
Manuel Enos,	98
	$117 41

TOWN CLOCK.

Newcomb Bates,	$25 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Caleb Beal, jr ,	$165 33
Francis L. Bates,	64 33
Walter S. Beal,	6 00
Thomas Smith,	106 92
L. N. Lincoln,	7 00
T. M. Smith,	53 00
Edwin Bates,	3 30
John W. Bates, 2d,	68 33
Warren Willcutt,	62 61
Lot Willcutt,	40 75
Martin Lincoln,	34 83
Alfred Whittington,	3 50
Levi L. Worrick, jr.,	92 20
Joseph Root,	6 00
Warren Bates, 2d,	53 00
Henry Doane, jr.,	16 00
Lewis Lincoln,	8 67
David Beal,	15 00
	$806 77

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Lot Willcutt, blowing rocks by S. L. Jenkins,	$25 00
Michael Sweeney, getting gravel and use of scow,	152 00
South Shore Railroad Corporation, gravel,	249 00

William H. Bates, gravel,	$11 36
Robert T. Burbank, blowing rocks,	3 00
Francis L. Bates, repairs,	46 50
L. Webster Bates, blowing rocks,	85 00
Rachel Lincoln, gravel,	19 68
John W. Bates, 2d, gravel and repairs,	10 25
Ezekiel Bates, gravel,	23 52
Thomas Bates, gravel,	19 00
A. H. Tower, gravel,	104 00
Leander W. Groce, gravel,	26 40
David Cushing, 2d, lumber,	29 15
Caleb Beal, jr., labor on Jerusalem Road,	12 00
Christopher Beal, " " "	2 00
David Beal, " " "	2 00
James S. Beal, " " "	16 00
H. A. Wheelwright, posts,	8 00
Lot Willcutt, repairs on roads,	75 00
Cyrus W. Gammons, repairs,	23 75
Isaac Kent, labor and stock,	15 25
Isaiah Lincoln, gravel,	5 90
Thomas Smith, repairs,	17 75
M. B. Stetson & Co., nails,	1 54
David W. Whitcomb, running town line,	2 00
Martin Lincoln, repairs,	29 25
Martin Lincoln, services on committee,	6 00
Charles Pratt, " "	6 00
A. H. Tower, " "	6 00
Thomas M. Smith, entertainment County Commissioners, etc.,	28 00
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, roads and bridges,	25 50
J. Q. A. Lothrop, perambulating town lines,	6 00
Solomon J. Beal, " "	6 00
Zaccheus Rich, " "	6 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, roads and bridges, as committee,	45 00
Solomon J. Beal, " " "	18 00
Zaccheus Rich, " " "	12 00
Harris & Tucker, Counsellors,	53 00
Michael Sweeney, getting gravel,	30 00
Town of Scituate, repairs on bridge,	18 36
	$1,280 16

DELINQUENT HIGHWAY TAX, 1866.

John Burbank,	$2 00
Isaac Kent,	34 37
Edwin Bates,	9 62
Alfred Whittington,	16 16

Francis L. Bates,	$62 54
Thomas Bates,	4 94
Warren Bates, 2d,	16 15
Lot Willcutt,	27 18
Oren R. Beal,	73 53
Martin Lincoln,	126 36
	$372 85

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State Tax, 1867,	$6,250 00
County Tax, 1867,	1,067 69
	$7,317 69

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement of Taxes, 1859,	$1 50
" " 1860,	16 97
" " 1861,	30 06
" " 1862,	79 43
" " 1863,	77 40
" " 1864,	110 07
" " 1865,	180 47
" " 1866,	44 13
" " 1867,	156 88
	$696 91

STATE AND TOWN AID.

Amount paid to soldiers and families, from February 10, 1866, to February 10, 1867,	$940 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

School Committee, Joseph Osgood,	$51 00
Edward Tower,	30 00
Levi N. Bates,	24 00
	$105 00
Selectman, J. Q. A. Lothrop,	55 00
" " services and expenses on Hingham and Quincy bridges,	20 00

Selectman, J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses on State aid,	$11 00
Solomon J. Beal,	35 00
" " State aid,	6 00
Zaccheus Rich,	35 00
" State aid,	6 00
	$168 00
Assessors, J. Q. A. Lothrop,	$100 00
" " Corporation tax,	20 00
Solomon J. Beal,	100 00
Zaccheus Rich,	100 00
	$320 00
Town Clerk, Edward Tower,	$55 85
Town Treasurer and Collector, A. H. Tower, jr.,	200 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Caleb Lothrop, distributing Town Reports,	$2 50
A. W. Williams, posting warrants,	2 00
" " notifying town officers,	5 00
Mr. Davis, sealing weights and measures,	9 75
E. Q. S. & G. Osgood, distributing School Reports,	2 50
Charles A. Gross, stationery,	8 72
George L. Nickerson, health officer,	52 00
Bates & Decoster, burying dead body,	25 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., for health officer,	90
Edward Tower, stationery and postage,	11 18
S. P. Gove, fees on taxes,	25 87
Samuel Nichols, police officer,	3 00
J. B. Bates, repairing snow plow,	5 00
Manuel Brazil, board of health officer,	9 00
Isaac Kent, labor and stock on pump,	1 75
Creed & Thompson, housing topmast,	2 25
Noble Morse, care of dead body,	3 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., repairs on plough,	6 95
Samuel D. Tower, painting hearse,	9 00
Ephraim Snow, tar for health officer,	2 00
Edward E. Ellms, stationery,	80
Beals' Express,	95
Louis N. Lincoln, town meetings,	6 00
" " hall, when used free,	6 00
" " care of selectmen's room,	8 00
Ezra Towle, 2d, return of deaths,	2 60

Thomas M. Smith, horse hire for assessors,	$10 50
" " " for health officer,	4 50
" " " Town Clerk,	3 00
David S. G. Doane, constable and truant officer,	9 25
Newcomb Bates, ringing bell, town meetings,	5 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, Straits Pond,	2 00
Solomon J. Beal, " "	2 00
Zaccheus Rich, " "	2 00
Amos Tilden & Son, snow plough, settees, etc.,[1]	8 54
J. W. Pierce, coffin, Health Department,	6 00
	$264 51

RECAPITULATION.

Bills outstanding, Feb. 10, 1867,	$132 62
Printing,	165 72
Expenditures on school-houses,	169 82
Support of schools,	3,378 15
Town House,	219 82
Fire Department,	327 81
School-books,	117 41
Town Clock,	25 00
Removing snow,	806 77
Roads and Bridges,	1,280 16
Delinquent Highway Tax,	372 85
State and County Tax,	7,317 69
Abatement of taxes,	696 91
State and Town Aid,	940 50
Town officers,	848 85
Miscellaneous,	264 51
Orders to Overseers of the Poor,	3,494 82
	$20,559 41

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 12, 1868.

Amount of Funded Debt, old issue, 1858, as follows, viz:

Cohasset Savings Bank, 8 notes, due in 1868, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75,	$8,000 00

Amount of Funded Debt issued in 1863:

Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., 1 note, due April 1, 1868,	500 00
Caleb L. Bates, 1 note, due April 1, 1869,	100 00
Bela Bates, 1 note, due April 1, 1869,	200 00
George W. Whitcomb, 1 note, due April 1, 1869,	200 00

Lewis Willcutt, 1 note, due April 1, 1870,	$500 00
Henry Doane, 1 note, due April 1, 1871,	500 00
" " " " 1872,	500 00
Levi Lincoln, " " " 1873,	500 00
Calvin Merriam, " " " 1874,	500 00
Est. Newcomb Bates, 1 note, due April 1, 1875,	500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 5 notes, due April 1, 1876, '77, '78, '79, '80,	5,000 00
	$17,000 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING, FEB. 12, 1868, ON DEMAND.

James L. Bates,	$100 00
Cohasset Savings Bank,	2,500 00
Hingham Savings Bank,	2,500 00
Hannah Delano,	700 00
	$5,800 00
Amount of funded debt, old issue,	8,000 00
" " issued in 1863,	9,000 00
	$22,800 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 12, 1868.

Amount due from State for State Aid to Jan. 1, 1868,	$1,026 00
Since Jan. 1, 1868,	60 50
Amount due from State for State Aid, for 1866	199 67
" " " on account of Mrs. McGrath,	13 67
Due from the Town of Hull,	30 00
" " Solomon L. Damon,	19 50
" " David Beal,	6 00
" " F. J. Damon,	7 50
" " John J. Lothrop,	58 40
" " Town of Scituate,	25 00
Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 12, 1868,	2,390 21
	$3,836 45
Total debt outstanding, Feb. 12, 1868,	22,800 00
Deduct amount of assets,	3,836 45
Actual debt, Feb. 12, 1868,	$18,963 55
Reduction of Town debt, 1867,	3,282 81

The subscribers would respectfully call the attention of the town to the extraordinary expenses the past year, over and above appropriations made at the last annual meeting. One item of expense is shovelling snow, which cost $406.77 more than the appropriation; also, $280.16 on roads and bridges, most of which was occasioned by parties petitioning the County Commissioners to widen, straighten and otherwise improve Jerusalem Road; and the town being obliged to appear with counsel, and oppose the prayer of the petitioners, believing themselves competent, able and willing to improve that road, only give them the time; also, $186.00 for repairs on fire-engine and hose, and $173.00 for insurance on Town Hall, which will not occur again for five years; also, expended by the Overseers of the Poor, $555.87 more than the amount appropriated for that purpose, in improvements in the house and repairs on the house, making a total of $1,601.80, which would have been applied to reduce the town debt, if the above expenses had not occurred, reducing the debt $4,884.61 instead of the $3,282.81 actually reduced.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
SOLOMON J. BEAL,
ZACCHEUS RICH,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1868.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

	Dr.
Stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1867,	$1,646 24
C. M. Parsons, bedsteads, bedspreads and blankets,	57 50
Mrs. M. B. Pratt, sewing,	3 00
" M. D. Tower, "	4 00
Calvin Merriam, groceries,	156 86
Charles A. Gross, grain and groceries,	175 82
Dickinson, Lincoln & Co., well bucket,	1 50
Alden Beal, potatoes, harness, etc.,	35 92
Thomas A. Bates, repairs,	30 00
Melissa L. Bates, sewing,	3 00
Dawes S. Nott, stock and labor, painting,	53 89
Bela Stoddard, whitewashing, etc.,	17 50
Caleb F. Nichols, flour and groceries,	135 54
Isaac Kent, repairs,	13 75
Charles H. Willard, groceries,	90 90
M. B. Stetson & Co., grain, flour and groceries,	240 63

Howard Pratt, grain and groceries,	$184 27
J. W. Bates, cow,	57 00
Daniel Cushing, 2d, lumber,	73 83
Samuel G. James, labor, pigs, etc.,	14 50
Cornelius Lincoln, potatoes,	18 00
Benjamin Barnes, fish, etc.,	2 00
Philander Bates, shoes, etc.,	6 80
J. W. Davis, standing wood,	17 62
Lot Bates, plowing, etc.,	7 00
S. L. Damon, one year's salary,	200 00
" " sundries,	16 55
James St. John, making clothing,	2 60
James Downs, labor,	21 00
Charles Burbank, standing wood,	22 00
A. T. Prouty, fish, etc.,	7 97
Peter C. Kimball, pig,	5 00
F. J. Damon, blacksmithing,	48 74
Samuel Bates, tin ware, funnel, etc.,	14 39
Edward E. Ellms, medicine, etc.,	14 51
A. H. Tower, jr., coal,	2 25
Caleb Beal, Jr., clothing,	19 00
John Souther, shoemaking,	5 10
Welcome Beal, groceries,	14 23
Dr. G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	5 00
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire,	5 50
Bourne & Nickerson, beef,	175 36
Services of Overseers,	75 00
	$3,701 27

	Cr.
12½ Tons hay,	$155 00
1 " salt hay,	10 00
Horse,	70 00
2 Cows,	150 00
1 Bushel meal,	1 55
1 " oats,	1 10
5 Meal bags,	2 00
30 Pounds candles,	6 00
3 Shoats,	55 00
18 Hens,	18 00
4 Turkeys,	10 00
Farm wagon,	90 00
Truck harness,	12 00
Carriage harness,	15 00
Grindstone, scalding tub,	2 00
Hay wagon and wheels,	10 00
2 Dray planks,	2 50

2 ploughs,	$6 00
575 lbs. pork,	92 00
250 " beef,	35 00
½ bush. salt,	38
75 lbs. ham.	11 25
7 bush. beets,	5 60
½ bbl. soft soap,	2 67
50 lbs. soap grease,	3 00
95 " lard,	14 20
½ bbl. apples,	2 50
¼ " flour,	4 00
10 lbs. sugar,	1 55
3 " tea,	3 36
10 " raisins,	2 50
15 " tallow,	1 50
1 bush. rye meal,	1 75
Fresh meat,	1 00
15 bushels potatoes,	22 50
5 bushels small potatoes,	2 50
13 Casks,	13 00
2½ bushels corn,	4 65
Washing machine, etc.,	10 50
Clothes lines, basket, etc.,	2 00
Hatchets, axes, etc.,	5 00
4 Pounds butter,	2 00
Tin, earthen and glass ware,	30 00
5 Gallons molasses,	4 00
Spices and boxes,	2 00
1½ Pounds soda,	21
Churn,	2 55
4 Pounds hard soap,	52
2 Pounds washing soda,	12
4 Stoves and funnel,	25 00
1 cook stove,	75 00
5 wash tubs,	3 00
Beetle and wedges,	3 50
Saws, etc.,	5 50
Horse sled,	10 00
Harrow,	6 50
26 cedar posts,	13 00
3 baskets,	1 00
2 bushels barley,	2 50
Lot tools,	2 00
Curry comb, brush, etc.,	1 00
Pump chains,	1 00
Cattle ties,	50
Chains,	10 00
Scythes and snaths,	10 00

4 iron bars,	$5 00
2 pickaxes,	2 00
3 hoes,	1 00
Forks and shovels,	5 00
2 ladders,	1 50
Rope and tackle,	5 50
Hay poles,	50
7 hay forks,	4 50
3 rakes,	1 00
Pails, dippers and flats,	3 00
25 empty barrels,	5 00
10 single feather beds,	40 00
2 double " "	40 00
8 comforters,	16 00
7 blankets,	7 00
15 quilts,	43 50
20 pillow-cases,	6 00
25 sheets,	25 00
20 pillows,	10 00
1 lb. tobacco,	80
5½ cords dry pine wood,	33 00
2 " " hard "	18 00
1 " sawed and split,	10 00
16 " pine wood,	96 00
7 " hard "	56 00
8 " trash "	24 00
1 ox yoke,	2 00
18 yards sheeting,	4 84
¼ gross matches,	55
12 bedsteads,	18 00
1 box fine salt,	50
Water cask, 1.00; water trough, 3.00,	4 00
	$1,558 65

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT OF SALES.

Town of Scituate 156½, board at $3.25,	$508 62
David Beal, 3 turkeys,	6 00
Bourne & Nickerson, 1 calf,	10 00
S. N. Luce, 1,300 creek hay.	8 45
J. N. Collier, 600 "	10 50
" " 300 salt hay,	1 95

Geo. K. Nickerson,	1 cord pine wood,	$6 00
C. P. Bourne,	½ " " "	3 00
Loring Bates,	1 " " "	6 00
Robert Reed,	1 " " "	5 50
Wallis Willcutt,	½ cord pine wood,	3 00
Mrs. Larry,	½ " " "	3 00
C. Beal, Jr.	½ " " "	3 00
S. J. Beal,	½ " " "	3 00
Bourne & Nickerson, 1 hide,		7 20
F. J. Damon, 1 M shingles,		7 50
Amount of sales,		$592 72
" Stock on hand,		1,558 65
		$2,151 37
Debit brought forward,	$3,701 27	
Credit " "	2,151 37	
Almshouse Dr. to balance,		$1,549 90
Deduct amount for repairs, etc.,		211 47
		$1,338 43
Expense of inmates of Almshouse, 328 weeks, at $4.08\frac{39}{328}$ per week,		$1,338 43

SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1868.

Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for David Willcutt,		$206 79
Josephine E. Bates,		184 72
John J. Lothrop,		217 41
City of Boston, for Eunice Sterling,		33 00
" " Sarah P. Joy,		28 52
Assistance to Mrs. Lambert, by Fordyce Foster,	$7 00	
" " " Charles H. Willard,	86 21	
" " " A. H. Tower, jr.,	4 75	
" " " Lot Bates,	3 00	
" " " G. P. Pratt,	3 00	
		103 96
Paid Fordyce Foster, for Mrs. M. A. Fish,		18 00
" " L. C. Tower,		2 00
Jeremy Towle, burying Fish and Tower,		14 00
H. G. Thompson, board of E. B. Gilbert,		78 00
Mrs. John Tyrar, board of Joseph Wilson,		61 75

Assistance to David Vinal by Calvin Merriam,	$78 00	
G. P. Pratt,	8 00	
		$86 00
Assistance to John Willcutt, by Calvin Merriam,		24 00
Assistance to Mrs. McGrath by Chas. A. Gross,	$79 12	
" " " " Wm. F. Thayer,	39 28	
" " " " A. H. Tower, Jr.,	26 30	
" " " " G. P. Pratt,	18 00	
" " " " Fordyce Foster,	3 50	
" " " " M. B. Stetson & Co.,	3 25	
" " " " E. E. Ellms,	2 70	
		172 15
Assistance to Sarah Pratt, by Charles A. Gross,		30 00
" " P. Minot, by Charles A. Gross,	$1 70	
" " " " Loring Bates,	2 00	
" " " " Fordyce Foster,	9 30	
		13 00
Fordyce Foster, for G. Tucker,		15 00
" " " Mrs. Mann,		7 00
" " " " Brown,		1 00
" " " " Ellms,		1 00
Loring Bates, for Job Wheelwright,		9 00
C. F. Nichols, " Henry Powers,		3 04
J. W. Baxter, " Job Wheelwright,		8 00
Henry Doane, jr., to carrying pauper to Almshouse.		1 50
William W. Studley to " " " "		1 00
Assistance to Mrs. Clark, by Robert H. Reed,	$1 00	
" " " Lot Bates,	3 00	
" " " A. H. Tower, Jr.,	5 25	
		9 25
Howard Pratt, for Joseph P. Wheelwright,		23 34
A. H. Tower, jr., for Mrs. John Mulrey,		9 75
Assistance to Josiah Mann, by Ephraim Snow, jr.	$7 26	
" " " A. H. Tower, jr.	3 00	
		10 26
Welcome Beal, for Mrs. Essex,		5 07
G. P. Pratt, for Scituate Poor,		11 00
Assistance to Mrs. George Wilson, by G. P. Pratt.	$8 00	
Calvin Merriam,	15 78	
		23 78
Calvin Merriam, for Jesse Tower,		16 00
		$1,428 29

		Cr.
By Amount from John J. Lothrop,		$217 41
" " " Commonwealth for Mrs. McGrath,		172 15
Town of South Danvers, care of pauper,		2 50
Town of Scituate, Dr. Foster,		9 00
" " " Pratt,		11 00
" " Josiah Mann,		10 26
		$422 32
Amount of outside expense,	$1,428 29	
" " " Cr.	422 32	
Outside expenses, Dr. to balance,	$1,005 97	

Respectfully submitted.

LOT BATES,
CALEB BEAL, Jr.
Overseers of the Poor, Cohasset.

DR. 1867-68.

TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT WITH A. H. TOWER, JR., *Treasurer.*

CR. 1867-68.

To amount paid deficiency in outstanding taxes,		$184 47
" " Outstanding orders of 1866,		9 00
" " Selectmen's orders drawn to date,		8,644 31
" " State and Town Aid to date,		940 50
" " Appropriation for School Teaching,		2,960 00
" " Abatement of Taxes, per Assessors,		696 91
" " State Tax for 1867,		6,250 00
" " County Tax for 1867,		1,067 69
" " Discount on Taxes paid to October 1st,		970 89
" " Interest on Town's Notes and Stamps,		1,439 12
" " Cohasset Savings Bank, Note due April 1, 1867,		500 00
" " Hingham Insurance for Savings, Note due April 24, 1867,		500 00
" " Henry Doane, jr., Note on demand,		782 80
" " Cohasset Savings Bank, 3 Notes on demand,		5,500 00
" " Notes given for money hired in anticipation of taxes,		6,000 00
" " Balance in the Treasury,		2,390 21
		$38,835 90

By balance in Treasury from former account,		$1,670 96
" received of A. H. Tower and Estate Abraham Hall, Sureties on former Treasurer's Bond in full settlement,		530 32
" State Treasurer on account Corporation tax,		2,851 07
" " " State aid,		1,250 00
" " Massachusetts School Fund, 1867,		190 04
" " Support of Mrs. McGrath, 1866,		84 53
" " " " 1867,		158 48
" " " State paupers,		10 00
" Sale of grass at Straits Pond Flats,		75 20
" of Town Liquor Agent,		83 92
" J. J Lothrop, support of son, 1866,		54 01
" " " " " to October 1, 1867,		159 01
" Thomas Bates, due Almshouse, 1866,		4 00
" George Morey, " " "		7 00
" Chas. H. Willard, " " "		3 90
" John C. Howe, " " "		38 25
" S. L. Damon, " " "		116 13
" F. J. Damon, " " "		34 00
" Z. L. Beal, " " "		7 50
" City of Salem, board of G. Tucker, 1866,		6 50
" Town of South Danvers, board of pauper,		4 00
" Sales at Almshouse, 1867,		59 10
" Town of Scituate, for board of paupers and supplies to J. Mann, 1867,		529 88
" John Labazzado, for Hawker's license,		6 00
" County Treasurer, for burial of body,		7 00
" " " discount on County tax,		14 24
" Return Interest on Notes and Taxes collected,		23 29
" of Louis N. Lincoln, income Town Hall,		75 00
" Cohasset Savings Bank, Interest Ripley Fund,		55 00
" " " " for renewal of demand Note,		2,500 00
" Hired money in anticipation of taxes,		7,500 00
" Amount of tax list for 1867,		20,727 57
		$38,835 90

COHASSET, February 12, 1868.

A. H. TOWER, JR., *Treasurer.*

MARRIAGES, 1867.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.	OCCUPATION.
Jan. 7	Richard H. Lincoln,	Cohasset,	Boston,	Pianoforte
	Mary E. Bourne,	"	"	Maker.
Feb. 25	William Beal,	"	Cohasset,	Bootmaker.
	Henrietta M. Brown,	"	Worcester,	
Mar. 30	William G. Litchfield,	Scituate,	Scituate,	Shoecutter.
	Cordelia S. Pratt,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
April 29	George Smith,	Charlestown,	Rowley, Mass.	Trader.
	Miranda P. Smith,	Cohasset,	Hartford, Me.	
May 2	Thomas J. Browne,	"	Cohasset,	Cooper.
	Lydia A. Burtenshaw,	Scituate,	"	
" 9	Samuel Shipley,	Groton, Mass.	Groton,	Farmer.
	Annette Lincoln,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
June 2	Francis C. Tower,	"	"	Brakeman.
	Margarette E. Sloane,	Scituate,	Scituate,	
" 5	Algenon B. Churchill,	Cohasset,	Boston,	Clerk.
	Mary H. Beal,	Hingham,	Hingham,	
Sept. 12	L. Webster Bates,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Teacher.
	Sarah J. Connolly,	"	British Prov.	
Oct. 1	James L. Bates,	"	Cohasset,	Mariner.
	Lizzie McKay,	"	British Prov.	
" 10	Ezekiel E. Gunderway,	S. Scituate,	S. Scituate,	Shoemaker.
	Lucy Winslow,	"	"	
" 31	Frank Fisher,	Cohasset,	West'n Isl'ds,	Mariner.
	Mary Joseph,	"	Cohasset,	
Nov. 12	John E. Groce,	"	"	Mariner.
	Emma F. Decoster,	"	Stoughton,	
" 20	Philander Bates,	"	Weymouth,	Trader.
	Priscilla B. Jenkins,	"	Cohasset,	
" 28	Warren Hatch, jr.	Hingham,	Hingham,	Mechanic.
	Mabel N. Mott,	Scituate,	Scituate,	
Dec. 19	Francis F. Martin,	Cohasset,	West'n Isl'ds,	Mariner.
	Mary E. Francis,	"	"	
" 23	George K. Nickerson,	"	Cohasset,	Butcher.
	Clarissa C. Ripley,	Hingham,	Hingham,	

DEATHS, 1867.

Date.	Name.	Age.	Birthplace.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Y. M.		
Jan. 9	Martha G. Bates,	20	Cohasset,	Consumption.
" 18	Zealous Bates,	67	"	Paralysis.
" 28	Melvin T. Ward,	1	"	
Feb. 13	Walter A. Ryan,	3	"	
" 17	Abraham Hall,	72	"	Paralysis.
" 28	Levi C. Tower,	31	"	Consumption.
Jan. 22	Eunice Robbins,	70	"	Lung Fever.
" 25	Mary H. Lincoln,	74	"	Congestion of Lungs.
Mar. 12	Frederick LeBaron,	41	Turner, Me.	Consumption.
" 20	Amden Francis,	6	Cohasset,	Whooping Cough.
" 28	Priscilla G. Couilard,	59	"	Tumor.
May 28	Edward Blossom,	4	"	Inflam. of Bowels.
" 13	Ellen F. Ainslie,	9	"	Teething.
" 14	Sally L. Collier,	89	"	Old Age.
June 3	W. Hobart Cousens,	28	"	Consumption.
" 4	William Veale,	67	"	Typhoid Fever.
" 25	Hepsibah K. Wilson,	78	"	Paralysis.
" 25	Judith Z. Damon,	74	"	"
" 27	Judith F. Copeland,	68	"	"
July 5	Laura L. Brown,	2	"	Brain Fever.
" 21	Ann M. Newcomb,	31	"	Consumption.
Aug. 22	Lorenzo Bates,	44	"	Typhoid Fever.
Oct. 5	Job Cushing,	82	"	Consumption.
June 30	Benjamin F. Arnold,	9	"	
Nov. 7	Olive C. Litchfield,	36	"	
" 9	Ellen O'Brien,	47	"	Consumption.
" 10	Emma H. Hall,	18	"	Typhoid Fever.
" 14	Alice Kilburn,	89	"	Old Age.
" 26	William H. Stoddard,	75	"	Apoplexy.
Dec. 3	David B. Cousens,	26	"	Accidental.
" 8	Caroline W. Sewall,	70	Newton,	Bilious Fever.
Apr. 17	Henry K. Hall,	65	Cohasset,	Paralysis.
" 27	Philip Henry,	2	"	
Jan. 30	Hannah Faloon.	66	"	Cancer.
Dec. 20	George H. Bourne,	2	"	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR 1867-68.

PLYMOUTH:
PLYMOUTH ROCK STEAM PRESS.
1868.

REPORT.

The School Committee, in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth, submit to the Town the following Report:

The schools during the past year have been conducted according to the system which has been established in the Town for many years, with no very important variations. The most important changes have been, the admission of no children into the schools under five years of age, the prolonging of the Grammar Schools in the Beechwoods two weeks, and the increase of the salaries of the female teachers in all the schools, each six dollars per month. These changes have all proved to be beneficial.

The adopting of five years of age, instead of four, as the age at which children shall be admitted to the Primary Schools, has relieved those schools of a class of children, too young to be confined in a school room, or to receive much benefit from the instructions there given, and who are able neither to study, nor to keep still comfortably, and who ought not to be required to do so. The exclusion of these very young children from the schools has made it easier for the teachers to preserve a proper degree of order, and has enabled them to give more time to the teaching of those old enough to learn. Consequently our Primary Schools have been in a better condition, and the children in them have learned more than ever before.

The increase of the salaries of the teachers has not been without effect on the schools. While it has been but an act of simple justice to the teachers, it has encouraged them in their work, made them more anxious to succeed and justified them

in giving more of their time and strength to their schools; and it has made the schools more secure, for if vacancies should occur, it will be found much easier to find competent teachers to fill them.

There have been but few changes of teachers during the year. Near the close of the Fall term of the High School, Col. Samuel Harrington resigned his office as teacher in that school, and Mr. William E. Buck was chosen in his place, who successfully conducted the school during the remainder of the Fall and the Winter term. The Grammar School in the Centre District was placed under the charge of Miss Helen A. Bates, who taught the school with good success through the year. The Summer school in the Beechwoods was taught by Miss Ella M. Bates, who had taught the Primary School in the same District the previous Winter. There was no other change of teachers, except that in the Jerusalem District, owing to the sickness of Miss Mary Lincoln, a sister of hers was employed in her place the larger part of the Winter term. The ill health of Miss Lincoln, and her being obliged to employ a substitute in her place were undoubtedly prejudicial to the success of the school. Then the school was unusually small during the Winter term, from the fact that a number of children removed from the District and the Town. Still, the school has done very well.

All the Grammar and Primary Schools in the three Central Districts were very successfully governed and taught during the year. They never, as a whole, did better. The teachers all exerted themselves to do their best, showing a deep interest in their schools; and, although their pupils were younger, and less advanced than is sometimes the case, all the more advanced pupils having been put into the High School, yet they made considerable progress in their studies.

The Beechwoods Summer School labored under some peculiar disadvantages. While the teacher had had no previous experience in such a school, she had placed under her care a larger number of children than could be found in any other school in

the town, the whole number of scholars belonging to the school having been seventy. These children were from five to fifteen years of age, and while some were learning the letters, others were considerably advanced in their studies. It would require a good deal of time and energy of a teacher to keep such a school in order; much more to do any considerable amount of teaching. There seems to be need of a Primary School in the Summer, as well as in the Winter.

The Winter term of the Beechwoods Grammar School was taught by Mr. L. Webster Bates, with more than usual success.

The High School during the year was smaller than it has ever been before, but those children who have attended constantly have made good progress in their studies. The appearance of the school at the closing examination was highly satisfactory. Still, some of the scholars have received but little benefit from the school. One cause of this, and a serious detriment also to the whole school, has been their irregular attendance. The average daily attendance of the scholars belonging to the school during the Winter term was but 74 per cent. Eight were absent from the school more than half the time, and ten others more than one-quarter of the time. It is true that, in some cases their absences were necessary; but, whether necessary or not, they had an injurious effect, not only on the scholars absent, but on the whole school.

Indeed, irregularity of attendance is a great obstacle to the highest success in all our schools. While the great majority of the children are constant in their attendance, being seldom absent without sufficient cause, there are many children who are irregular in their attendance. They fall behind the other children in learning, lose their interest in the school and in study, and become discouraged. If their teachers attempt to keep them in their classes, they find themselves confused, and at a loss from want of knowledge of what has been studied during their absence, and therefore cannot keep up with their class-mates. They therefore must be taught separately, which is impossible in a large school; keep the class back, which is

an injustice to the other scholars, or suffer in their education and so lose a large proportion of the benefit that should be derived from the school.

This irregularity of attendance arises in part from the negligence of parents and their want of appreciation of the importance of their children attending school constantly. But it is in part to be attributed to truancy. There are a number of children who are in the habit of being frequently absent from school without any sufficient cause, and often without the consent of their parents. They are not only losing the benefit of our schools, but they are also exerting a bad influence on those who attend, as well as by their occasional presence disturbing the order and harmony of the school. Besides, they are growing up in habits of indolence, and learning all those kinds of vice and corruption which idleness and bad associates tend to foster. Their truancy is sometimes without the knowledge of their parents; but oftener it is the consequence of the want of power, or of will, on the part of their parents to keep them in school. If this truancy is permitted to continue, it will result in great evil to the truants themselves, and their influence will be injurious upon the schools and all the children connected with them.

We have State laws to restrain such truancy. In 1862, the Town adopted By-laws in reference to the subject, a copy of which is herewith re-printed:

BY LAWS

Of the Town of Cohasset, for securing the regular attendance at the school of truant children and of such other children as are growing up in Ignorance and Idleness.

1st. Children who are habitual truants, and all children between five and sixteen years of age, who, without sufficient cause, do not attend school, and have no regular employment, and are growing up in ignorance and idleness, shall be reported to the School Committee, who shall require such children to attend school regularly and use their influence to secure their regular attendance.

2nd. If any child between five and sixteen years of age, who is an ha-

bitual truant, or does not attend school, and has no regular employment, but is growing up in ignorance and idlenesss, persists in truancy or non-attendance at school after having been required to attend regularly by the School Committee, such child shall forfeit and pay to the Town of Cohasset a fine of not less than five, or more than twenty dollars, according to the discretion of the Justice or Court having jurisdiction of the case; or be committed to any such Institution of Instruction, or House of Reformation, as such Justice or Court may determine, according to Section 6, Chapter 42 of the General Statutes.

A true copy. Attest:

NEWCOMB BATES, JR., *Town Clerk of Cohasset.*

SETH AMES, *J. Superior Court.*

A true copy of By Laws allowed and approved, April Term Superior Court 1862:

Atsest—EZRA W. SAMPSON, *Clerk*,.

A true copy of By Laws, as adopted by the Town of COHASSET, March 3, 1862, and allowed and approved by the Superior Court at the April Term, 1862, at Dedham.

Attest:—NEWCOMB BATES, JR., *Town Clerk of Cohasset.*

During the past year one of the truant officers did something to abate the evil. But the great obstacle to the enforcing of the By Laws of the Town is the want of a suitable place in the County for confining those who may be convicted of habitual truancy. It is true that a fine may be imposed, and in some cases that would be effectual. Bnt there are other cases, where the father is absent from town, and when the mother is unable to enforce the attendance of the child. In such cases a fine would be of little avail, amd the only effectual remedy must be found in the power to confine the child in a suitable reformatory institution. If we had a suitable place for temporary confinement where the child could be kept out of the streets for a proper length of time, he would soon learn to prefer attendance at school to such confinement.

But the remedy can be best applied by the parents taking

the matter in hand, and by the exercise of the care and control which they ought ever to have over their children, securing their constant attendance.

Another cause of the want of the best success of our schools is the little personal interest parents feel in them, and in the education of their children at home. It is a great thing indeed, to secure the constant daily attendance of their children. But this is not all that is needed. They should show themselves interested in their progress in learning, visit the schools occasionally, converse with the teachers about their children, and encourage them in their work by their sympathy and co-operation. The schools are always open to visits from parents and others interested in education, and if indolent and efficient teachers may be troubled by such visits they will not be hurt by them, while earnest and faithful teachers will be pleased by the presence of the friends of their pupils, and will be helped and cheered in their work.

Then a great deal may be done at home in making school instruction more efficient, and in promoting the education of our children by devoting a few minutes daily to the teaching of the younger children, and by showing an interest in the studies of the older ones, and occasionally offering them a little help when practicable. The condition and progress of schools must depend very much on the feeling respecting them among the people, and their interest in, and appreciation of the importance of the education of their children. If they really desire to have their children well taught, and sympathize with their intellectual culture and progress, the children will catch their spirit and feel themselves an impulse to study and learn. But if they meet with no sympathy or encouragement at home, they will not be likely to feel much enthusiasm in their studies at school.

There were no important changes in the management of the schools, or in the course of study during the year. Efforts were continued to classify the scholars more satisfactorily, and to make the studies more systematic and thorough,

The classes in arithmetic and the text books have been so

arranged, that all children of ordinary mental capacity, who attend school regularly, may acquire a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the principles, and of the common operations of arithmetic, without being obliged to spend an excessive proportion of time in that study, or becoming discouraged in trying to master difficult treatises.

The same remark may be made with respect to the classes in Geography. Reading and spelling have been carefully taught, and the progress of the children in these elementary branches has never been more satisfactory. In all, except the Primary schools, half an hour a day is required to be devoted to writing, and many of the children have made good improvement in this art.

The Committee have advised and encouraged the introducton of singing and gymnastic exercises into all the schools; and wherever they have been introduced they have interested children and made the school more pleasant and attractive to them.

Singing should be introduced into all the schools and made a part of our common school education. It would be well to employ some qualified teacher of music, to visit the various schools in the town, and instruct the children systematically in the elements of music and singing.

Gymnastic exercises, while they amuse the children, give them, especially the younger children, a very necessary reliet from physical inaction and setting still, which the order of a large school requires, but which the natural restlessness of children make irksome, or even painful. It is desirable that in the Primary School especially, some gymnastic exercise for three or five minutes should be introduced four times a day; not in connection with the recesses, but half way between the beginning of the school and recess, and between recess and the close of the school. In the other schools the same interruptions of the regular work of the school might be resorted to, to the relief and comfort of the children, and to the increase of their pleasure and interest in the school.

In seeking to give proper mental culture and education to our children, we should not overlook one of the leading and fundamental purposes of their institution, viz: to teach and inculcate the principles of piety and morality. This duty is clearly set forth in the laws of the State.

The following is the 10th Section of the 28th Chapter of General Statutes:

"It shall be the duty of the President, Professors, and Tutors of the University at Cambridge, and of the several Colleges, of all preceptors and teachers of Academies, of all instructors of youth, to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth, committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love of country, humanity and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance; and those other virtues which are the ornaments of human society, and the basis upon which a Republican Constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above mental virtues, to preserve and perfect a Republican Constitution and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of their opposite vices."

These legal requirements which commend themselves equally to our reason and moral sense, our teachers shonld keep ever in mind, and strive to impress on the minds of their pupils, and to exemplify and enforce in all their intercourse with them. They should make a regard to these virtues take precedence of all intellectual culture and literary attainment, and should be especially careful to use only simply truthful, just and polite words in addressing their pupils. To promise or threaten without performing, to doubt the word of a child without strong proof of untruthfulness, to scold, to fret, to use coarse and rude language, or to threaten cruel or impossible punishments, is derogatory to the dignity and best influence of a teacher, and an unjustice and wrong to the scholars.

The following table presents the statistics of the Schools for the past year:

	Whole Number of Pupils.		Average Attendance.	
	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.
Jerusalem District	35	24	24	17½
North Grammar School	34	35	27	27
North Primary "	37	39	23	24
Centre Grammar "	47	46	37	33
Centre Primary "	43	39	25	23
South Grammar "	39	37	24½	24½
South Primary "	36	41	26	28
Beechwoods Grammar	70	50	43½	39½
Beechwoods Primary		31		23½
High School	69	61	35½	35½
	410	403	265½	275½

The expenses of the Schools the last year, according to the Selectmen's and Treasurer's Report, were as follows:

Jerusalem District,	for teaching		$240.00	Fuel & care of rooms,		$45.87
North	"	"	420.00	"	"	58.70
Centre	"	"	420.00	"	"	40.75
South	"	"	420.00	"	"	73.56
Beechwoods	"	"	420.00	"	"	77.35
High School	"	"	1,040.00	"	"	121.92
			$2,960.00			$418.15

We have then $3,378.15 as the expense of the schools the last year. There seems to have been a mistake with regard to the appropriation for teachers in the Beechwoods District for last year. For many years the appropriation for that District was $276.00, viz: $156.00 for female teachers and $120.00 for a male teacher, who usually taught for that money 14 weeks.

The Committee thought it best to have the Winter term of this school extended to 16 weeks, in order to secure 40 weeks schooling in the year, and therefore recommended that the appropriation for the District be increased to $300.00, the amount appropriated to each of the central Districts. The town adopted the report with the recommendation. This gave an addition of $24.00; the understanding being that it should be added to the salary of the male teacher, on condition that he should teach 16 weeks. His salary then would be $36.00 per month. After this action of the Committee and of the Town, the Town voted to add six dollars a month to the salary of each female teacher. The addition to the appropriation for the Beechwoods District should have been according to that vote, $60.00, as there was only one female teacher employed to the District. But according to the Treasurer's Report $120.00, instead of $60.00, additional, were appropriated to the District.

In view of the wants of this District, and the crowded state of the Summer School a part of the season, the Committee recommend that a Primary School teacher be employed through the year at a salary of $18.00 per month, $180.00, a female Grammar School teacher for the Summer School of six months at $24.00 per month, $144.00; and a male teacher for the Winter Grammar School at $40.00 per month, $160.00, making in all $484.00.

There will then be needed for the support of the schools in the Town the present year, for teaching:

Jerusalem District,	- -	$240 00
North "	- -	420 00
Centre "	- -	420 00
South "	- -	420 00
Beechwoods "	- -	484 00
High School "	- -	1,040 00
Total amount for teaching,		$3,024 00

Estimating the expense of fuel, &c., the same as last year, $418.15, the expense of the Schools will be $3,442.15. To meet this expense, there will be—

Income of Ripley Fund - - - - -	$60 00
Income of State School Fund - - - -	190 00
From Hull, probably, - - - - -	30 00
	$280 00

Subtracting this amount, viz: $280.00, from the amount required for the support of the schools, viz: $3,442.15, there will be a remainder of $3,162.15. To meet all the demands of the schools, the Committee recommend that thirty-two hundred dollars, ($3,200.00) be raised by taxation.

The expense of the Schools last year, according to the Treasurer's Report, was $3,370.15.

To meet this expenditure, we had

From the Ripley Fund, - - -	$55 00
" State School Fund, - - -	190 04
" Hull, - - - -	26 16
" Surplus of year before, - -	139 77
" Am't raised by Town, for Schools,	3,000 00
	$3,410 97

Deducting from this amount the cost of the Schools, viz: $3,370.15, we have a balance of $40.82 unexpended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
EDWARD TOWER,
L. N. BATES,
} *School Committee.*

Cohasset, March 2, 1868.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1869.

INCLUDING THE

Reports of the Overseers of the Poor and Treasurer,

WITH A LIST OF MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

PLYMOUTH:
PLYMOUTH ROCK STEAM PRESS.
1869.

REPORT.

Bills outstanding February 10, 1868.

Thomas F. Cordis, damage to carriage, 1867,	$15 00
Simeon P. Gove, removing snow from sidewalks, 1867,	12 50
Thomas Lincoln, Jr., sawing wood Beechwood school, 1867,	75
Frederick Bates, " " "	1 50
A. C. & W. C. Locke, blasting rocks, 1867,	3 00
Lot Wilcutt, repairs on bridges, 1867,	27 00
Howard Pratt, Beechwood school-house, 1867,	1 45
John Bates, almshouse bills, 1864–67,	4 02
Caleb J. Nichols, carting, South school-house, 1867,	75
Amos C. Locke, wood, High school, 1867,	8 50
" " " almshouse, 1865,	4 80
Heirs Curtis Barnes, almshouse, 1867,	10 00
Isaac Pratt, gravel, 1864,	4 50
Aaron Pratt, almshouse, 1865, 1866, 1867,	4 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., wood North school, 1856,	6 75
	$104 52

PRINTING.

Alfred Mudge & Son, printing Town Reports, 1868,	$67 30
Andrews Brothers, " School Committee Report,	30 22
Newcomb B. Tower,	49 00
Blossom & Easterbrook, " High school,	12 00
Alfred Mudge & Son, tax bills,	6 50
	$165 05

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

High School-room.

William Allen, atlas,	$17 50
Woodman & Hammett, inkstands,	14 00

Crosby & Ainsworth,	3 20
Charles A. Gross, broom, etc.,	1 61
Samuel Bates, stoves, etc.,	31 98
Woolsworth, Ainsworth & Co., slate surface,	3 00
Louis N. Lincoln, repairs,	5 00
Mrs. Lyons and Mulchi, cleaning,	3 00
Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc.,	12 30
	$91 59

Beechwood School-house.

Crosby & Ainsworth, books,	$2 00
Olive Bates, cleaning,	5 00
Samuel Bates, lock and knobs,	1 25
Charles H. Wood, repairs and use of well,	2 25
Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc.,	4 70
Ezra Brown, repairs,	13 30
	28 50

South school-house.

Crosby & Ainsworth, books, etc.,	$2 84
Dickinson, Lincoln & Co.,	21 50
Joseph F. Eunice, labor on stove,	3 00
Mrs. Miller, cleaning,	5 00
Samuel Bates, repairs on stove, etc.,	9 16
Caleb J. Nichols, carting stoves,	1 33
M. B. Stetson & Co., brooms and soap,	78
Charles A. Gross, ink,	63
Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc.,	3 97
	$48 21

Centre School-house.

Samuel Bates, coal-hod and shovel,	$1.40
Zaccheus Rich, railing for steps,	2 25
Crosby & Ainsworth,	2 84
Edward E. Ellms, book for teacher,	83
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber,	1 50
Calvin Merriam, brooms, etc.,	11 89
	$20 71

North school-house.

Crosby & Ainsworth,	$2 84
Bela Stoddard, repairs,	30 26
David Cushing, 2d, lumber,	18 18
Elijah N. Barker, painting,	$2 30
Lewis Wilcutt, gravel,	1 65
Samuel Bates, zinc pipe and funnel,	15 38
Job Pratt, labor,	47 00
D. S. G. Doane, labor,	23 00
S. S. Gove, setting glass,	1 00
Robert T. Burbank, labor,	2 00
Edward E. Ellms, crayons and ink,	3 02
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber, brick and lime,	21 52
Calvin Merriam, crayons, brooms, etc.,	4 30
	$172 45

Jerusalem school-house.

Crosby & Ainsworth, slate surface, etc.,	$1 00
James S. Beal, repairs,	1 84
	$2 84

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

High School.

Teachers' salaries,	1,040 00
E. Q. S. & G. Osgood, care of rooms and making fires,	14 87
Robert H. Reed, sawing and splitting wood,	10 67
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	4 50
Lewis Bates, wood,	12 00
Willie Collier, care of rooms and making fires,	20 13
David W. Whitcomb, wood,	4 25
Samuel N. Lincoln, sawing wood,	75
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	76 64
	$1,183 81

North School.

Teachers' salaries,	$120 00
W. B. Taylor, sawing wood,	6 58
A. H. Tower, Jr., wood,	56 75
Doane and Pratt, making fires,	10 00
	$193 33

Centre School.

Teachers' salaries,	420 00
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood,	3 50
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	33 52
Calvin Merriam, wood and housing,	16 75
John Barker, making fires,	10 00
	$483 57

South School.

Teachers' salaries,	$420 00
A. E. Tilden, sawing and splitting wood,	3 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	19 50
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood,	6 75
Willie Tilden, making fires,	10 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	40 96
	$500 21

Beechwood School.

Teachers' salaries,	$420 00
Thomas Lincoln, Jr., sawing wood,	2 60
Joseph F. Crane, sawing and housing wood,	7 00
John W. Bates, 2d, wood,	11 87
Howard Pratt, wood,	6 50
Isaac S. Pratt, wood,	20 63
David W. Whitcomb, wood,	6 00
Herbert L. Brown, sawing and housing wood,	1 50
	$476 10

Jerusalem School.

Teachers' salaries,	$240 00
David Beal, wood,	2 00
	$242 00

TOWN HOUSE.

Fire extinguisher,	$65 00
Howe & French, paints and oil,	139 33
Henry Doane, Jr., carting paints,	50
Charles A. Gross, paints, oil and brooms,	58 08
Job T. Bailey, blinds,	165 25
S. S. R. Road, freight on blinds,	1 92
M. C. Warren & Co., hardware,	5 77
Elijah N. Barker, painting,	32 50
C. A. Gross, paints and oil,	11 18
Dawes S. Nott, painting,	27 00

Hosea B. Mott, painting,	29 25
Zaccheus Rich, repairs and blinds,	48 75
Samuel D. Tower, painting,	28 00
Squire S. Gove, painting,	39 65
James Creed, painting,	14 25
Samuel Bates, funnel,	32 33
Henry Collier, freight on paints,	77
Thomas M. Smith, carting,	1 50
Louis N. Lincoln, hall when used free,	8 00
" " making fires and care of selectmen's room,	12 00
" " repairs on locks, etc.,	9 37
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	32 75
	$763 65

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

William W. Studley, steward,	$20 00
Twenty-seven members, amount of poll tax,	54 00
Samuel Bates, tin ware,	2 67
Charles A. Gross, oil and glass,	4 45
Thomas Beal, straps,	2 25
Edward E. Ellms, oil, etc.,	6 22
Charles H. Willard, refreshments,	3 37
Calvin Merriam, "	3 89
	$96 85

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Edward E. Ellms,	$74 66

TOWN CLOCK.

Newcomb Bates,	$25 00

REMOVING SNOW.

John W. Bates, 2d,	$77 61
Caleb Beal, Jr.,	136 00
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.,	109 56
Adna Bates,	109 45
Warren Wilcutt,	33 75
Thomas M. Smith, including sidewalks,	141 66
Lott Wilcutt,	68 33
Alfred Whittington,	2 67
Lewis Lincoln,	20 00

Levi Worrick, Jr., sidewalks,	4 00
Henry Doane, Jr., "	5 75
William B. Johnson,	44 64
David Beal, sidewalks, etc.,	13 00
Louis N. Lincoln, sidewalks,	6 33
Francis L. Bates,	4 50
Caleb Lincoln,	46 66
	$823 91

Repairs on Jerusalem road,	$3,633 86
Amount due from Co. of Norfolk and individual subscriptions,	2,180 31
Amount actually expended by the town,	$1,453 55

REPAIRS ON MILL BRIDGE.

Michael Brennock, diving,	$28 00
Henry L. Studley, labor,	30 75
Stetson & Pope, timber,	187 98
Zaccheus Rich, labor,	28 50
Nathaniel Bacon, labor,	26 63
Philip Fox, labor and stock,	60 50
Levi L. Creed, labor,	16 50
Paul Mott, labor and stock,	24 42
Southworth Pratt, labor,	20 00
James Creed, "	3 00
Joseph Battles, "	24 93
John Bates, rigging and use of blocks,	14 84
Michael Brennock, labor,	3 25
C. F. B. Tilden, carting timber,	5 00
David Cushing, 2d, lumber,	41 38
Samuel Bates, nails and spikes,	4 00
Henry Collier, freighting timber,	4 64
William V. Creed, " "	4 50
Thomas M. Smith, carting,	6 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber,	3 03
	$537 85

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

James Sweney, getting gravel,	$129 50
Adna Bates, building bridge and gravel,	69 50
Philip Fox, labor and stock,	12 25
Warren Bates, gravel,	11 50
John Bates, gravel and wharfage,	14 00
Leander W. Groce, gravel,	18 50
James S. Beal, labor and stock,	6 50
Powers & Mulchy, getting gravel,	28 00
Lot Willcutt, widening and raising road on account,	75 00
Andrew Morse, gravel,	2 80
Patrick Mulchy, getting gravel,	10 50
Joseph F. Crane, removing ledge,	105 00
Isaac Kent, railing bridge.	6 63
Isaiah Lincoln, gravel,	6 85
Ezekiel Bates, gravel,	11 20
A. H. Tower, gravel and use of skow,	96 00
Joseph Eunice, labor,	4 00
J. Q. A. Lathrop, services and expenses,	51 20
Zaccheus Rich, " "	35 00
Martin Lincoln, " "	28 00
Solomon J. Beal, services and expenses on Hingham and Quincy bridges,	6 00
Daniel Freeman, gravel,	14 40
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber,	14 47
William H. Bates, gravel,	1 60
	$758 40

DELINQUENT HIGHWAY TAX 1867.

Alfred Whittington,	$24 04
Martin Lincoln,	59 08
John W. Bates, 2d,	3 72
Francis L. Bates,	28 16
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.,	20 31
Thomas Smith,	30 66
Warren Bates, 2d,	31 69
Lot Willcutt,	19 14
Caleb Beal, Jr.,	48 06
	$264 86

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax, 1868,	$2,500 00
County Tax, 1868,	1,057 53
	$3,557 53

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement of Taxes, 1863,	$17 41
" " 1864,	19 60
" " 1865,	55 13
" " 1866,	87 91
" " 1867,	206 21
" " 1868,	299 66
Total,	$685 92

STATE AID.

Amount paid to soldiers and families from Feb. 10, 1868, to Feb. 10, 1869,	$862 00

FLAG STAFF.

Levi L. Creed, labor,	$1 50
Southward Pratt, "	1 50
James Creed, "	1 50
John Bates, rigging,	7 65
A. H. Tower, Jr., "	1 50
Total,	$13 65

TOWN OFFICERS.

School Committee, Joseph Osgood,	$46 00
Edward Tower,	30 00
Levi N. Bates,	21 00
Total,	$97 00

Selectmen, J. Q. A. Lothrop,		$55 00
" "	services and expenses on Hingham and Quincy bridges,	$20 00
" "	services and expenses in State Aid.	11 00
Zaccheus Rich,		35 00
" "	State Aid,	6 00
Martin Lincoln,		35 00
" "	State Aid,	6 00
Total,		$168 00
Assessors, J. Q. A. Lothrop,		$100 00
" "	corporation tax,	20 00
Zaccheus Rich,		100 00
Martin Lincoln,		100 00
Total,		$320 00
Town Clerk, Edward Tower,		$55 02
Town Treasurer and Collector, A. H. Tower, Jr.,		200 00
Total,		$255 02

MISCELLANEOUS.

Albert Stetson, distributing Town Reports,	$2 50
Andrew W. Williams, notifying Town Officers,	9 00
E. Q. S. and S. Osgood, distributing School Reports,	2 50
John C. Howe, bounty money,	60 00
Charles A. Gross, stationery,	6 00
South Shore Railroad Company, one fare,	65
Ellms & Doane, pumps,	50 00
Edward Tower, postage,	4 90
Michael Sweeney, entertaining travellers,	4 00
George W. White, Jr., services and expenses to Taunton,	10 00
Andrew W. Williams, " under Dog Law,	5 00
County of Norfolk, cost of Court, Hingham & Quincy Bridge case,	14 38
Samuel Bates, hearse house,	1 00
Ezra Soule, 2d, return of deaths,	4 60
Simeon P. Gove, commission on taxes,	20 00
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, School Committee,	14 75
" " " " Selectmen,	11 50
" " " " Town Clerk,	2 50
Louis N. Lincoln, Town Meeting,	6 00
" " posting Warrants,	6 00
David S. G. Doane, Truant Officer,	13 75

Thomas Ready, watching fire,	4 00
Edward E. Ellms, printing cards for schools, &c.,	5 20
Newcomb Bates, ringing bell, Town Meetings,	5 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses as Committee,	29 40
Zaccheus Rich, " " "	24 00
Martin Lincoln, " " "	21 50
Charles H. Willard, stationery,	22
State Industrial School, for F. M. Palmer,	25 57
State Nautical School, for Aaron Nichols,	5 78
Beal's Express,	9 30
Total,	$379 00

RECAPITULATION.

Bills outstanding, Feb. 10, 1868,	$104 52
Printing,	165 05
Expenditures on school-houses,	364 30
Support of schools,	3,379 02
Town house,	763 15
Fire department,	96 85
School books,	74 66
Town clock,	25 00
Removing snow,	823 91
Repairs on Jerusalem road,	3,633 86
Repair on Mill bridge,	537 85
Roads and bridges,	758 40
Delinquent highway tax,	264 86
State and County tax,	3,557 53
Abatement of taxes,	685 92
State aid,	862 00
Flag-staff,	13 65
Town officers,	840 02
Miscellaneous,	379 00
Orders to Overseers of the Poor,	3,569 27
Total,	$20,898 82

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1869.

Amount of Funded Debt old issue, 1858, as follows, viz:		
Cohasset Savings Bank, 7 notes, due in 1869, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75,		$7,000 00
Amount of Funded Debt, issued 1863:		
Cohasset Savings Bank, 5 notes, due April 1, 1876, '77, '78, '79, '80,	$5,000 00	
Caleb L. Bates, 1 note, due April 7, 1869,	100 00	
Bela Bates, 1 note, due April 1, 1869,	200 00	
George W. Whitcomb, 1 note, due April 1, 1869,	200 00	
Lewis Wilicutt, " " " 1870,	500 00	
Henry Doane, Jr., " " " 1871,	500 00	
" " " " " 1872,	500 00	
Levi Lincoln, " " " 1873,	500 00	
Calvin Merriam, " " " 1874,	500 00	
Est. Newcomb Bates, " " " 1875,	500 00	
Total,		$8,500 00
Amount of Funded Debt,		$15,500 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING FEB. 10, 1869, ON DEMAND.

Hingham Institution for Savings, dated Nov. 19, 1866,	$1,000 00
" " " " Feb. 12, 1868,	1,500 00
" " " " Nov. 13, 1868,	2,000 00
" " " " Feb. 10, 1869,	1,500 00
Total,	$6,000 00
Amount of Funded Debt, old issue,	$7,000 00
" " " " " 1863,	8,500 00
Total,	$21,500 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1869.

Amount due from State for State aid to Feb. 10, 1869,	$922 50
" " " " " " for balance,	300 00
" " " " " " State paupers,	458 88
" " " City of Boston, support of paupers,	10 00
" " " Duxbury,	12 51
" " " Hull for schooling,	15 00
" " " George W. White,	10 00
" " " John J. Lothrop,	106 20

Amount due from F. J. Damon,	7 50
" " " Town of Scituate,	176 43
" " " County of Norfolk on Jerusalem road,	566 93
" " " T. Henry Perkins and others, subscriptions,	363 38
" " " Isaac S. Pratt, barley at auction,	10 25
Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 10, 1869,	$1,911 53
Total,	$4,871 12
Total Debt outstanding Feb. 10, 1869,	$21,500 00
Deduct amount of assets,	4,871 12
Total,	$16,628 88
Actual Debt Feb. 10, 1869,	$16,628 88
Reduction of Town Debt, 1868,	$2,334 67

The Selectmen, in submitting their annual report of the financial condition of the town, would call attention to the expenditures on Jerusalem road ordered by the County Commissioners, amounting to $3,633.86, of the $5,000 to be spent on that road in permanent improvement, with the understanding that the County pays one-half, and individuals owning real estate on said road one-tenth. We have received of the County $1,250.00, and there is a balance of $566.93 due. From individuals we have received nothing, but a portion of the amount subscribed is due, say $363.38, which amount they refuse to pay at present, taking the ground that no portion of the subscription is due until the whole five thousand has been expended on said road. The amount of $1,453.55, the town's portion expended, was not provided for by any appropriation last March, and money had to be hired to meet the payments, as also the amounts due from County and individuals, thereby making the debt so much more than it otherwise would have been. Also, an expense on Mill Bridge of $537.85, which is $337.85 more than the appropriation made by the town last March, which expense was unavoidable,

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
ZACCHEUS RICH,
MARTIN LINCOLN,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For the Year ending Feb. 1, 1869.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.	*Dr.*
To stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1868,	$1,558 65
Caleb F. Nichols, groceries,	17 00
Caleb Beal, Jr., clothing, etc.,	13 00
Alfred Hale, Rubber blanket,	2 50
Galen James, labor, teaming and vegetables,	31 71
Levi L. Worrick, Jr., labor, milk and carting wood,	66 77
Charles A. Gross, groceries,	80 49
John R. Brewer, barley,	10 00
Isaac W. Beal, cutting wood,	46 50
Hobbs & Rand, potatoes,	16 67
J. W. Pierce, coffin and plate,	17 50
George A. Fish, labor,	26 00
Melissa L. Bates, sewing,	5 00
Massachusetts Ploughman, two years,	5 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries and grain,	83 51
Calvin Merriam, " "	128 18
Charles H. Willard, " "	34 34
Howard Pratt, " "	41 41
James St. John, tailoring,	90
Samuel G. James, labor,	3 00
Andrew W. Williams, services,	4 00
Alonzo L. Palmer, killing hogs,	6 50
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood,	9 00
Heirs of Curtis Barnes, pasture,	10 00
Timothy L. Burbank, making cider,	3 05
Samuel Bates, stoves, sink, &c.,	38 39
Ezra Towle, 2d, services as undertaker,	7 00
Lot Bates, labor, &c.,	15 75
Thomas A. Bates, repairs,	$5 00
Cornelius Lincoln, potatoes,	17 50
F. Beal & Co., flour and groceries,	146 43

F. J. Damon, smithing,	18 37
Bourne & Nickerson, fresh beef,	224 99
Thomas J. Brown, coopering,	50
Alexander T. Prouty, salt fish and vinegar,	3 07
Robert S. Burbank, stock and labor,	7 50
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire,	10 00
Otis V. Barnes, labor,	3 25
Elizabeth Nichols, butter,	40 42
S. Loring Damon, keeper's salary,	25 00
Lucinda Damon, salary,	80 00
Edward E. Ellms, medicine, tea, &c.,	18 11
A. H. Tower, sleigh,	20 00
Services of Overseers,	45 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal, &c.,	26 10
Total,	$2,973 06

Stock at the Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1869:	*Cr.*
By 1 bushel meal,	1 25
1 bushel rye meal,	2 00
4 meal bags,	1 60
10 lbs. of candles,	2 00
9 hens,	6 75
1 farm wagon,	80 00
1 grindstone,	2 00
1 hay wagon,	8 00
2 ploughs,	5 50
100 lbs. pork,	20 00
20 lbs. beef,	3 00
½ bushel salt,	40
24 lbs. tallow,	2 40
40 lbs. lard,	9 60
2 bbls. apples,	7 00
3 4 bbl. flour,	11 62
2 lbs. tea,	2 20
10 Bushels potatoes,	12 50
10 Casks,	10 00
1 Washing machine, &c.,	10 00
Clothes lines, baskets, &c.,	2 00
Hatchets, axes, &c.,	5 00
29 lbs. butter,	15 08
Tin, earthen and glass ware,	30 00
4 gallons molasses,	2 80

Spices and boxes,	2 00
Churn,	2 50
4 lbs. soap,	52
4 Stoves, and funnel,	45 00
1 Cook stove and fixtures,	75 00
3 Wash tubs,	2 09
Beetle and wedges,	3 50
Saws, &c.,	5 00
Horse sled,	5 00
Harrow,	6 00
Lot tools,	3 00
Pump chains,	1 00
Cattle-ties,	50
Chains,	10 00
Scythes and snaths,	8 00
4 Iron bars,	5 00
2 Pick-axes,	2 00
3 Hoes,	75
Forks and shovels,	3 00
2 Ladders,	1 50
Rope and tackle,	5 00
Hay forks and rakes,	1 50
Pails, dippers and flats,	3 00
12 Empty barrels,	3 00
10 Single feather beds,	50 00
2 Double " "	40 00
6 Comforters,	10 00
7 Blankets,	7 00
15 Quilts,	40 00
25 Pillow cases,	6 00
25 Sheets,	20 00
20 Pillows,	15 00
½ lb. tobacco,	24
8 Cords pine wood,	40 00
½ ton coal,	6 50
1 Ox yoke,	2 00
25 yards sheeting,	3 75
10 beadsteads,	15 00
1 box fine salt,	40
Water cask and troughs,	3 00
Fresh beef,	1 00
40 gallons cider,	8 00
2 drag plank,	1 00
1 sleigh,	20 00
1 rubber blanket,	2 00
Total,	$737 36

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT OF SALES.

Amount of sales at auction, May 28, 1868,		$422 29
Sales of grass at auction,		115 85
Town of Scituate, 34 2-7 weeks board,		142 93
Thomas Smith, pasturing,		6 00
Lot Bates, "		4 00
Galen James, for ploughing,		2 00
Levi L. Worrick, Jr., empty barrels,		3 00
Luther Litchfield, and others, storing hay,		8 00
Lot Bates, hay sold,		102 80
Bourne & Nickerson, one calf,		12 00
Amount of sales,		$818 82
Amount of stock on hand,		$737 36
Total,		$1,556 18
Debt brought forward,	$2,973 06	
Credit brought forward,	1,556 18	
Almshouse Dr. to balance,		$1,416 88
Credit by 1 pig sold,		15 00
Total,		$1,401 88

Expenses of inmates of Almshouse 275 weeks, at $5.09 213-275, $1,401 88.

SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1869.

Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for David Willcutt,	$190 23
" " " " " Josephine E. Bates,	188 36
" " " " " John J. Lothrop,	206 30
Total,	$584 89
Assistance to Charlotte White, by J. Q. A. Lothrop,	$3 00
" " " " " Ephraim Snow,	30 31
" " " " " Mrs. Munnies,	31 50
" " " " " C. F. Nichols,	10 00
Total,	$74 81
H. G. Thompson, for E. B. Gilbert,	$75 00

Assistance to Mrs. McGrath, for 1868, by C. A. Gross,		39 12
" " " " Mrs. Williston,		12 00
" " " " John Cronigan,		20 00
" " " " Dr. G. P. Pratt,		40 00
" " " " William F. Thayer,		20 38
" " " " Mrs. Lyons,		3 00
" " " " Bourne & Nickerson,		5 77
" " " " Thomas M. Smith,		15 50
" " " " Edward E. Ellms,		6 10
" " " " A. H. Tower, Jr.,		19 65
" " " " Lucinda Damon,		3 00
" " " " Richard Bourne,		3 12
Total,		$187 64
Assistance to Isaac Tower,		
Charles A. Gross,	$16 61	
Ephraim Snow,	6 50	
Caleb F. Nichols,	3 60	
		$26 71
Assistance to Joseph Wilson,		
Mrs. John Tyrar,	$65 00	
M. B. Stetson, & Co., clothing,	6 85	
		$71 85
Assistance to Andrew Essex,		
C. A. Goss,	$3 00	
Ephraim Snow,	23 00	
Caleb Beals, Jr.,	12 51	
		$38 51
Assistance to Jessey Tower,		
Calvin Merriam,	$96 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr.,	25 50	
		$121 50
Assistance to David Vinal,		
Calvin Merriam,		82 00
Assistance to Mrs. Lambert,		
C. H. Willard,	$94 71	
Samuel Bates,	6 15	
A. H. Tower, Jr.,	19 25	
		$120 11
Assistance to J. P. Wheelwright,		
Howard Pratt,		$48 66

Assistance to Mary G. Brooks,		
Ezra Brown,	$104 28	
Lot Bates,	14 75	
Lot W. Bates,	27 50	
A. H. Tower, Jr.,	11 00	
Dr. G. P. Pratt,	15 00	
E. E. Ellms,	1 15	
		$173 68
Assistance to Mrs. J. Pearson,		
Caleb F. Nichols,	$32 68	
A. H. Tower, Jr.,	14 63	
		$47 31
Assistance to Mrs. McCloud,		
Caleb F. Nichols,	$16 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr.,	9 00	
Lot Bates,	9 00	
		$34 00
Assistance to Mrs. Isabella Silvia,		
Samuel Bates,	$1 65	
A. H. Tower, Jr.,	151 29	
E. E. Ellms,	1 80	
Dr. G. P. Pratt,	10 00	
		$164 74
Assistance to Josiah Mann,		
Philander Bates,	$3 50	
Charles A. Gross,	5 00	
		$8 50
City of Boston, for Sarah P. Joy,	$32 00	
" " " Eunice Stearling,	56 10	
" " " Elizabeth J. Nichols,	8 10	
		$96 20
Lot Bates, wood to George M. Arnold,		$8 00
T. M. Smith, pauper to State Almshouse,		13 50
A. H. Tower, Jr., for Mrs. John Mulvey,		10 50
Calvin Merriam, for John Willcutt,		16 76
Overseers of the Poor, services and expenses,		60 00
Total,		$2,091 87

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By amount from John J. Lothrop,	$206 30	
" " City of Boston, Charlotte White,	74 81	
" " State, from State paupers,	607 37	
" " Town of Scituate,	8 50	
" " Andrew Essex,	26 00	
" " Town of Duxbury,	12 51	
		$935 49
Outside expenses, Dr. to balance,		$1,156 38

The expenses at the Almshouse the past year have been very high, and the Overseers deem it to be their duty to give some of the reasons why.—After the death of Mr. Damon, the keeper, the Overseers concluded that the best thing for the Town would be to sell all the live stock and other things from the farm not necessary for the support and comfort of the poor; and accordingly in the last part of the month of May, the sale was made, and a large portion of the cost, as shown in the report of the weekly cost, was occasioned by that sale, and the difference from this year's credit and last year's being a loss of $821.32, of which amount there was sold $422.29, making $400.00 that was used at the Almshouse, or entirely lost to the Town; and it would be unfair to charge the whole amount to the support of the poor this year. Deduct the loss, and the weekly cost of the poor would be a little less than $3.75 per week.

The outside expenses have been about the same as last year, after deducting the amount received from other places, and then it seems large; and if anything could be done to reduce the same without causing suffering, it ought to be done.

The Overseers would recommend, that the Town sell the Town Farm and provide a new house on a small lot of land, believing that the poor can be made more comfortable at less cost.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOT BATES,
CALEB BEAL, Jr.
} *Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

DR. 1868-69. TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT WITH A. H. TOWER, JR., TREASURER. CR 1868-69..

To paid outstanding order of 1866,		$30 00	By balance in Treasury from former account,		$2,390 21
" Amount of Selectmen's Orders drawn to date,		13.695 37	Received of State Treas'r Corporation Tax,		2,358 80
" Appropriation for school teaching,		2.960 00	" " " State aid,		986 00
" Abatement of taxes by Assessors.		685 92	" " " Mass. School Fund, '68,		158 52
" Discount on Taxes paid to Oct. 1, 1868,		810 44	" " " for support of paupers.		162 17
" State Tax for 1868,		2,500 00	" from sale of land at Straits Pond,		94 00
" County Tax for 1868,		1,057 53	" John J. Lothrop, support of son, 1867,		58 40
" Estate Hannah Delano, demand note,		700 00	" " " do., to July 1, 1868,		100 10
" Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., note due April 1, 1868,		500 00	" Wm. F. Thayer, Almshouse acc't 1866,		75
" Cohasset Savings Bank, note due April 1, 1868,		1,000 00	" David Beal, " " 1867,		6 00
" Cohasset Savings Bank, demand note in full,		6,500 00	" Est. S. L. Damon, " " 1867,		19 50
" Interest on Town's notes,		1,387 89	" Galen James, " " 1868,		2 00
	$31,827 15		" Bourne & Nickerson, " " 1868,		12 00
			" L. L. Worrick, Jr., " " 1868,		3 00
			" Lot Bates, hay sold " pasturage 1868,		106 80
			" L. Litchfield, storage " 1868,		8 00
			" T. Smith, pasturage " 1868,		6 00
			" auction sales at " May, 1868,		422 29
			" " " June, 1868,		105 55
			" city of Boston, support of Mrs. White,		64 81
			" Mrs. Andrew Essex, on acc't supplies,		54 00
			" Town of Hull, schooling of children, 1866 and 1867,		30 00
			" John Labazzado, pedlar's license,		6 00
			" Lewis N. Lincoln, income Town Hall,		37 33
			" sale of old lead, etc., at Town House,		5 47
			" " outbuildings at North schoohouse,		14 00
			" " old stock at Mill Bridge,		2 00
			" Interest on delinquent taxes,		9 23
			" " Ripley Fund,		60 00
			" Norfolk Co., repairs of Jerusalem road,		1,250 00
			" Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money,		4,000 00
			" Hingham Ins. for Savings, " "		3,500 00
Balance in treasury,		$1,911 54	" Amount of Tax List for 1868,		17,705 76
	$33.738 69				$33,738 69

COHASSET, Feb. 10, 1869.

A. H. TOWER, JR., *Treasurer.*

MARRIAGES, 1868.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.	OCCUPATION.
Jan. 17	Loring L. Bates,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Locksmith.
	Eliza Bourne,	"	Somerville,	
Jan. 23	Charles H. Taft,	"	Boston,	Salesman.
	Georgianna E Hollis	"	So. Weymouth,	
April 19	Caleb F. Nichols,	"	Cohasset,	Trader.
	Martha J. Marole,	"	"	
June 9	John O. Hall,	Boston,	Hingham,	Salesman.
	Ella F. Creed,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
June 25	Joseph G. Bates,	"	"	Expressman.
	Sarah L. Rich,	"	"	
Aug. 30	Charles B. Hayes,	Scituate,	Chelsea,	Shoemaker.
	Laura A. Babson,	Cohasset,	Cohasett,	
Sept. 1	George F. Hayden,	"	"	Blacksmith.
	Emma A. Pratt,	"	"	
Oct. 25	Thos. J. Newcomb,	Scituate,	Hingham,	
	Caroline E. Pratt,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Nov. 5	Antone Francis,	"	W. Isles,	Mariner.
	Louisa de Anjos,	"	"	
Nov. 18	Orin S. York,	New Bedf'd	Sutton, Mass.,	Trader.
	Harriet A. Crandon,	Cohasset,	Rochester,	
Nov. 19	Allen C. Bates,	"	Cohasset,	Tinman.
	Emily L. Bates,	"	"	
Nov. 26	James D. Lincoln,	"	"	Mason.
	Eliza H. Tower,	"	"	
Nov. 26	Francis H Litchfield	Scituate,	Scituate,	Boot Crimper.
	Emily E. Bates,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Dec. 3	A. Oliver Brown,	"	Hanover, N. H.	Baggage Mas'r
	Mary C. Bates,	"	Cohasset,	
Dec. 14	Henry E. Bogues,	"	Henrico, Va.,	Carpenter.
	Addie L. Wood,	"	Cohasset,	
Dec. 22	William H. Warren,	Brookline,	Providence, R.I.	Merchant.
	Ann Jane Oakes,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Dec. 24	Amos A. Lawrence,	"	"	Bookkeeper.
	Abbie H. Rich,	"	"	
Dec. 28	Leavitt Whittier,	Dorchester	"	Fishmonger.
	Cynthia M. Lincoln,	Hingham,	Hingham,	
Dec. 30	Franklin Stoddard,	Cohasset,	Scituate,	Shoemaker.
	Ellen W. Bates,	"	Cohasset,	

The following named parties belong to Cohasset, and have been married in other places, but not returned.

Feb.	John O'Brien,	Cohasset,	Ireland,	Laborer.
	Mrs. Mary Clark,	"	"	
Sept.	James St. John,	"	"	Tailor.
	Mrs. Mary Cole,	"	"	
Oct.	James Sweeney,	"	"	Laborer.
	Hannah Shean,	"	"	
Nov.	Chas. H. Fullerton,	"	Cohasset,	Brakeman.
	Mary Kavanaugh,	"	Ireland,	
Nov.	Henry Ainslie,	"	Halifax, N. S.	Mariner.
	Elizabeth Healey,	"	Ireland,	
Sept.	John L. Litchfield,	Scituate,	Scituate,	Shoe cutter.
	Adeline E. Hayden,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
May	George W. Beal,	"	"	Clerk.
	Martha B. Carthell,	Hingham,	Deerfield,	

DEATHS, 1868.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			BIRTHPLACE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 9	Jeremy Bowle.	68	1	19	Sandown, N. H.	Heart disease.
" 2	Margaret Downs.	31			Ireland.	
" 24	Henry Bates.	58	1	19	Scituate.	Dropsy.
Feb. 5	Martha Bates.	76	3	12	Cohasset.	Paralysis.
Feb. 13	Mary Anna Sylva.	13	2		"	Fever.
Mar. 4	Mary Murphy.	80			Ireland.	Old age.
" 6	Nancy Wood.	84			Middleboro.	Consumption.
" 8	Florence H. Beal.	9	4	8	Hingham.	Inflam. bowels.
" 17	Ambrose Hayden.	73	7		Quincy.	Dropsy.
" 5	Hannah Delano.	82	8	7	Cohasset.	Consumption.
" 26	John Parker.	72	6	8	Pepperell.	Paralysis.
April 2	Sarah N. Tower.	18	6		Cohasset.	Measles.
" 7	John Hunt.	50	2		Weymouth.	Consumption.
" 12	Sarah Y. Beal.	27			Cohasset.	"
" 20	Manuel Fratus.			17	"	Heart disease.
" 20	Mulinda Arnold.	67			Abington.	
" 24	Levi Nichols.	78	4		Cohasset.	Paralysis.
" 26	Chloe Nichols.	85	3		"	Old age.
May 15	Eliza A. Leeds.	48	10		Hadley.	Lung fever.
" 16	Caleb Nichols.	74	7		Cohasset.	Kidney comp.
June 6	Louisa Sylvester.		2	10	"	Measles.
" 11	Wm. D. Sohier.	81	2	28	Boston.	Old age.
" 29	Kate R. Nichols.	4	3		New Haven, Ct.	Brain fever.
July 20	Levi A. Creed.	1	11		Cohasset.	Cholera.
Aug. 17	Wm. M. James.		4		"	"
" 19	Henry Earl Tower.		4	24	"	Teething.
" 22	Mary A. Jewett.	42			St. Johns, Vt.	Billious fever.
" 30	Mordecai Lincoln.	85			Cohasset.	Paralysis.
Oct. 2	Harriet Johnson.	78	2	20	Rochester.	Congest. Brain.
" 11	Thomas Priest.	67			Portsmouth, N. H.	Consumption.
" 4	Rebecca Nichols.	21	3		Cohasset.	"
" 22	James F. Bates.	1	7		"	Rheum. fever.
" 22	Martha B. Tower.	5	8		"	Croup.
" 25	William H. Bates.	1	2		"	Cholera morbus.
" 26	Joseph Root.	76			England.	Gravel.
Nov. 10	Rachel Lincoln.	82	3		Cohasset.	Old age.
" 11	Lysander T. Smith.	25	5	3	Boston.	Typhoid fever.
Dec. 1	Leonard H. Stewart	3	1	16	Cohasset.	Croup.
" 6	Mary Willcutt.	62	4		"	Chr. Bronchitis.
" 16	Lewis L. Smith.			14	"	Consumption.
" 20	Mary Joseph.	14			W. Isles.	Heart disease.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR 1867–68.

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REPORT.

The School Committee of Cohasset respectfully submit to the town the following Report.

The system of managing the schools, which has been pursued for many years, has been continued, with only such slight changes and modifications as were necessary to adapt it to changing circumstances, and to make it more efficient in educating the children in our schools. The system never worked more harmoniously than it has done during the past year; nor were the schools, as a general thing, ever in a more flourishing condition. The past open and mild winter has been very favorable to the attendance of the children, especially in the Primary Schools, and there have been fewer interruptions occasioned by stormy weather, or epidemical diseases, than usual. The good effects of the change made year before last, of excluding from the schools children under five years of age, have been very apparent. The plan, also, of trying to make qualification rather than age the condition of advancement from one school to another, has worked well, and the good effects of it are apparent in all the schools. It is, without question, the true principle of grading schools, and the more fully it can be carried out the better our schools will be. Then the continuance of the same teachers in the same schools has shown its usual good results; for those schools in which there has been no change of teachers have been most satisfactory, both with respect to order and discipline, and to the improvement of the pupils in learning.

The High School has been continued under the charge of Mr. William E. Buck, with Miss M. Anna Rich as assistant teacher. Near the close of the summer term of this school, a desire was expressed on the part of a large number of the scholars to have only one session a day. The scholars were requested to consult their parents on the subject, and when

action was again taken on the matter, they were almost, if not quite, unanimous in their desire for one session. The teachers also thought it would be best for the school, although it would not diminish their labors. The reasons urged for it were, that it would relieve many, who came from a moderate distance, from the necessity of going home and returning in the middle of the day, — in very warm or stormy weather, some scholars often failed to return in the afternoon, — and it would relieve those who came from a greater distance from being obliged to remain in the school-rooms, or in the streets, for an hour and a half at noon. The committee wished to accommodate the scholars, and to make the school as agreeable and convenient to them as possible, especially to those living at a distance, and therefore assented to the arrangement. The change seemed to work satisfactorily, to receive the approval of the teachers, and most of the scholars, and was accordingly continued through the fall and winter terms. The Principal of the school says, that while the arrangement of having but one session a day is not more convenient to himself, nor does it lighten his work, he nevertheless believes it to be better for the school.

In this connection it may be said that the High School has been in a very satisfactory state during the year, and both teachers have labored with great industry and success. While there have been fewer older and advanced scholars than in some previous years, and the scholars have been, on an average, younger than usual, the school has been better classed than ever before, and good progress has been made in the common and more important branches of learning. A serious obstacle to the best success of the school has been the large number leaving the school when the warm weather comes on. The classes are thus broken up, and those who remain till the end of the term are discouraged, and lose their interest in the school. Having the summer vacation begin earlier, and continue eight weeks, instead of six, as at present, may, in part, remedy the difficulty. But it is to be hoped that parents, and the pupils themselves, will be more considerate with regard to this matter, and feel that, not only those scholars who leave the school before the close of the term are losing a great privilege themselves, but that they are doing a great injury to those who remain.

The Jerusalem School has been taught during the year by Miss Addie Lincoln, who had taken charge of the school as a substitute, in place of her sister, the previous winter. The school has been small, and the attendance of many of the scholars very irregular. But eight children were present at the closing examination; and it was reported to the committee that only six pupils were present on the forenoon of the same day.

The North Primary School was continued under the charge of Miss Emily L. Bates till the close of the fall term. Miss Bates, from the time when she first took charge of the school, during all the years when it was under her care, was a faithful and successful teacher, securing both the obedience and the love of her pupils, and advancing them well in learning. Her labors and teaching will be gratefully remembered by those who were her pupils.

At the commencement of the winter term, Miss Martha Anna Bates took charge of the school, and taught it through the term. She was without experience in teaching, and consequently without the knowledge and skill with respect to school-teaching and management, which generally can be acquired only by practice. But she addressed herself with earnest zeal to her work, and became more and more successful to the end of the term.

During the year, Miss Caroline Pratt has continued to teach the North Grammar School; Miss Helen A. Bates, the Centre Grammar School; Miss Annie A. Souther, the Centre Primary School; Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop, the South Grammar School; and Miss Myra L. Beal, the South Primary School.

These five schools have been all in a very prosperous condition during the year. Their teachers have all labored very faithfully and successfully, and the children have made good progress in learning, and have been in good discipline. While there have been differences in these schools, one excelling in one thing, another in another, and while the teachers have different gifts, one having taught most successfully one branch of learning, or having introduced one kind of improvement, another another,— there has been a general uniformity of success which precludes anything like a comparison between the different schools.

The Beechwoods Grammar School was begun by Miss Ella M. Bates, but before the close of the summer term, owing to ill health, she was obliged to relinquish the school. She was succeeded by Miss Ellms, who taught the school till the close of the fall term. These changes were unfavorable to the highest success of the school, yet the committee believe that the teachers exerted their best ability, and were as successful as could have been expected under the circumstances in which they were placed. Mr. L. Webster Bates has taught the school during the winter term, with his usual efficiency and success. The school has appeared to be doing well when visited, but the final examination has not yet been made.

Miss Ellen W. Bates took charge of the Primary School at the beginning of the year. She was without experience in teaching, but she labored faithfully in the school. At the close of the fall term she relinquished her position. The committee, not having been able to visit the school at the close of the fall term, cannot report respecting its condition as they would like to do.

Miss Georgianna Bates, who had some time ago taught this school, was employed to take charge of it for the winter term. The term has not closed yet, but the school, when last visited, seemed to be in excellent order, the children interested in the school, and making good progress in learning. Indeed the school never before seemed to be in so promising a state.

The falling off of the attendance of the pupils in the High School towards the close of the summer term has been referred to. The Beechwoods School has always suffered seriously in this way, and while the children who are thus inconstant in their attendance are always in a backward state, and fail to obtain a decent education, by their remissness they injure the whole school. Then in all the schools there is a class of children so irregular in their attendance that they never make sufficient progress in learning to become interested in their studies, or to be enabled to keep along with the classes in which they may be placed.

It is feared also that the schools suffer from want of interest in them on the part of parents. By conversing frequently with their children about their studies and progress in school, visiting the schools occasionally themselves, expressing sympathy with

the teachers, and interest in their work, and co-operating with them in securing the constant and punctual attendance, obedience, and diligent application to study of their children, they may do much to increase the interest and success of the schools.

With regard to the defects of the teachers and the methods by which they may reach higher excellence in their work, the committee prefer to offer their suggestions to the teachers, individually, in private, as occasion may require, rather than to embody them in this Report.

But there have been certain things in the conduct of the schools which the committee take pleasure in noticing with commendation.

In the schools generally there has existed a good state of feeling between the teachers and their pupils, excellent order has been secured with but little resort to corporal punishment, and the schools have been characterized by the cheerful spirit manifested in them. Some of the primary schools have been made unusually attractive, and children have enjoyed their attendance in them as a positive pleasure.

Singing has been practised in most of the schools; in some with great enthusiasm and success, adding much to the interest and pleasure of the scholars. It would be well if it could be taught in all our schools systematically as a part of the regular school education. It should especially be taught in the High School. An instrument is greatly needed in that school to aid in the culture and practise of this art. Gymnastic exercises have been introduced into the schools more generally than ever before, with excellent effect. They give pleasure to the children, make the school seem more cheerful to them, and are of positive benefit, resting them when fatigued with trying to keep still in one position, and helping them to sit more quietly and comfortably. A great point is gained when the school-room can be made pleasant and attractive to children. They then become more attentive to their studies and to all the exercises in the school, and learn more rapidly as well as acquire a love for learning. Then in some of the schools general lessons and object lessons have sometimes been given, which always interest the children and quicken their minds.

While the schools have been in so prosperous a state the past year, it becomes us to endeavor to make them more efficient, or at least to keep them up to their present position. It is thought

from the fact of so many of the children leaving the High School and some of the other schools before the close of the term, some being needed to labor, or finding occupation out of school, and others being weary of study, that it would be better to lengthen the summer vacation to eight weeks, lengthening the terms of the school in the same proportion in the colder season, when more children can attend school and study with greater comfort and advantage.

When the present teacher of the High School was first employed, he hesitated to take the position for a less salary than $1,000 per annum. He however consented, the committee assuring him that if he should be successful his salary would probably be increased to that amount. He now feels that he cannot continue in charge of the school through the present year, unless his salary is thus increased. The committee consider him to be a very industrious, well-educated, and successful teacher, wise and considerate in his management of the school, and exerting a good influence on his pupils. It would be a serious loss to the school and to the town to be deprived of the services of Mr. Buck. The committee, therefore, unhesitatingly recommend that his salary be increased to $1,000.

The assistant teacher in the same school has labored diligently and faithfully in the performance of the duties of her office, a higher standard of qualification is required to fit a teacher for this position, than to teach in the other schools, while the compensation now paid to the assistant teacher is too low to stimulate young ladies to qualify themselves for the position, or to procure the services of a well-instructed teacher from out of the town. The committee therefore recommend that the salary of the assistant teacher be increased to $300 per annum. As we are chiefly dependent on our High School for the education of the teachers who are to take charge of our grammar and primary schools, it is especially important, for the good of all the schools, that the High School be kept in the highest possible condition and efficiency.

They recommend, also, that the winter term of the Beechwoods School be shortened to fourteen weeks, and that the salary of the teacher be raised to fifty dollars per month. This would give as much time as the older boys usually improve in attending school, and increase the teacher's salary, somewhat in proportion to the general increase of prices. The term, during

which the school would be under the charge of a female teacher, would be lengthened two weeks.

The Legislature of Massachusetts, in the year 1866, passed the following Act; chap. 208, sect. 1.

"In the distribution of the income of the School Fund, for the benefit of the public schools of the State, every city and town complying with all laws in force, relating to the distribution of the same, shall annually receive seventy-five dollars; and the residue of said moiety shall annually be apportioned among the several cities and towns, in proportion to the number of children in each, between the ages of five and fifteen years; that after the distribution of the said moiety of income in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, no city or town in which the district system exists, shall receive the seventy-five dollars herein specifically appropriated."

The committee wished to secure the town against the forfeiture of this seventy-five dollars, — at the same time they were in doubt whether the town has, or has had for many years, a legal district system. Therefore the chairman, with the approval of the other members, wrote to the Secretary of the Board of Education, describing the school organization of the town, and inquiring whether that organization was such as would work a forfeiture of the seventy-five dollars; and if so, what change it was necessary for the town to make in its school management, in order to prevent it. The following reply was received from the Assistant Secretary: —

"Dear Sir, — Yours of the 18th inst., with inquiries, is received this A. M., and the Secretary desires me to reply.

According to your statement, your town has no school districts known to our laws. School districts which are not corporations, — not legally organized, not defined by "metes and bounds," and not having a right to assess and collect taxes for certain purposes, are a legal *nullity* and a legal *assumption*. They exist *without* law and *against* law. They cannot have the rights and powers, or the officers and agents of a legal district. The town has no legal right to appoint such a committee, and when appointed, they have no right to contract with teachers, or to act in any way as school officers. The office of Prudential committee belongs *only* to *legal school districts*. No action or vote or usage of a town can create a class of officers unknown to the law, and then assign to them duties, and clothe them with powers expressly given by law to another class of officers, viz., the *school committee* of *the town*.

By the foregoing views, you will perceive that your inquiries are indirectly answered. For districts which do not legally exist, which are a legal *nonentity*, will not work a forfeiture of any part of its (the town's) share of the income of the School Fund; unless the town shall persist in its illegal course, and continue to substitute an illegal system for one authorized by law. To pursue such a course will probably subject the town to embarrassment, if not to penalty; and it is to be presumed that your citizens will prefer to take a course which is both *legal* and *wise*. Without having the true district system, you have the one of its worst features, and greatest evils, — contracting with teachers by Prudential committees. No part of the system is more complained of in all parts of the Commonwealth by the best friends and promoters of public schools.

Yours respectfully,

SAMUEL C. JACKSON,
Assistant Secretary, &c."

This communication shows conclusively that the town has no legal school districts, and that it cannot authorize the election of Prudential committees, or assign the duty of selecting teachers and contracting with them, to any officers other than the School Committee.

The following table presents the statistics of the schools the past year.

	Whole Number of Children.		Average Attendance.	
	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.
Jerusalem School	24	26	19	17
North Grammar School	40	40	28	31
North Primary ,, ...	41	38	25	24
Centre Grammar ,, ...	53	44	29	33
Centre Primary ,, ...	43	42	23	30
South Grammar ,, ...	39	38	25½	26
South Primary ,, ...	42	43	34	35
Beechwoods Gram. ,, ...	44	47	26	36
Beechwoods Prim. ,, ...	40	32	16	25½
High School	61	71	32	44
	427	422	257½	301½

For the support of the schools the current year, according to the recommendations of the committee, there will be needed to pay for teaching in the

High School	$1,300.00
Jerusalem School	240.00
North Schools	420.00
Centre ,,	420.00
South ,,	420.00
Beechwoods Schools	511.00
	$3,311.00

Estimating the cost of fuel, care of rooms, &c., the same as last year, viz., $451.52, there will be needed for the support of the schools, the current year, $3,762.52. To meet the expenses, we shall have

From State School Fund	$160.00
,, Ripley Fund	60.00
,, Hull (perhaps)	40.00
	$260.00

Deducting this amount from $3,762.52, leaves a balance of $3,502.52, to be raised by tax.

The committee therefore recommend that thirty-five hundred dollars ($3,500) be raised by tax for the support of the schools the current year.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
EDWARD TOWER,
L. N. BATES,
} *School Committee.*

March 4, 1869.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

ON THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

For the Year ending February 10, 1870.

INCLUDING THE

REPORTS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND TREASURER, WITH A LIST OF MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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REPORT.

BILLS OUTSTANDING FEB. 10, 1869.

Amos Tilden & Son, blacksmithing,	$9 84
Ephraim Lincoln, Jr., wood for Jerusalem schools,	24 00
Thomas Smith, shoveling snow,	3 67
Lot Willcutt, bridge and road near James Creed's,	90 00
Welcome Beal, Jerusalem school,	34 56
Benjamin Barnes, wood for Beachwood school,	7 88
Cyrus W. Bates, making fires in Beachwood school,	10 00
Balance for teaching Beechwood school,	64 00
William B. Johnson, shoveling snow,	14 00
Z. L. Beal, wood for Jerusalem school, for 1867,	2 75
Edward Young, damages to carriage,	3 50
Hunneman & Co., fire engine repairs,	19 89
Calvin Merriam, Town hall,	84
William B. Taylor, North school,	2 75
Jonathan B. Pratt, Mill bridge, 1868,	2 00
Martin N. Bates, labor, Jerusalem street, 1868,	1 38
	$291 06

PRINTING.

Prentiss & Deland, school committee's report,	$39 50
Newcomb B. Tower,	60 00
Andrews Bros., Selectmen's report,	52 75
Alfred Mudge & Son, paper, tax book and tax bills,	11 50
	$163 75

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

High School Room.

William E. Buck, - - - - -	$4 00
Martin N. Bates, repairs, - - - -	5 00
Mrs. Sulivan, cleaning, - - - -	4 50
Zacheus Rich, carpenter's work, - - -	9 00
Andrew W. Williams, carpenter's work, - -	49 50
Robert B. Pratt, - - - - -	49 50
Thomas Ready, labor, - - - -	2 00
Elijah N. Barker, painting, - - -	6 91
Samuel Bates, stove, roofing, &c., - - -	30 26
A. S. Barnes, &c., - - - - -	8 75
Alex. W. Hayden, mason work, - - -	19 00
Edward E. Ellms, ink, books and crayons, - -	21 98
Samuel N. Lincoln, labor, - - - -	8 50
Samuel D. Tower, glazing, &c., - - -	4 50
A. H. Tower, brick and lumber, - - -	107 14
Charles A. Gross, brooms, - - - -	63
" " " paint, &c., - - -	1 63
J. L. Hammet, ink wells and covers, - -	2 50
John J. Lothrop, sand, - - - -	1 00
	$336 30

Beachwood School House.

J. L. Hammet, ink wells and covers, - -	$2 00
John J. Peasley & Co., carpet, &c., - -	11 50
L. Webster Bates, cleaning, - - -	5 00
Blake & Alden, chairs, - - - -	5 40
John Pratt, mason work, - - - -	7 00
Gove & Tower, repairs and glazing, - -	4 00
Charles H. Wood, gravel and water, - -	4 00
Thomas A. Bates, repairs, - - - -	5 50
L. Webster Bates, repairing fence, - - -	4 00
Samuel Bates, repairing stove, etc., - -	9 09

Thomas J. Newcomb, glazing,	80
Ezra Brown, brooms and pails,	1 10
Alex. W. Hayden, mason work,	8 75
E. E. Ellms, ink, books, crayons,	9 98
C. H. Wood, glass and glazing,	1 25
	$79 37

SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Edward Tower, labor,	$3 00
Charles A. Gross, brooms, etc.,	1 25
Mrs. Sullivan, cleaning,	4 80
Gove & Tower, glazing, etc.,	9 50
William B. Taylor, labor,	2 25
Isaac Kent, repairs,	3 06
Samuel Bates, repairing stove,	2 00
Alex. W. Hayden, mason work,	20 99
Edward E. Ellms, ink, books, and crayons,	9 84
Samuel D. Tower, repairs,	1 00
Martin Lincoln, grading,	5 50
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber,	4 11
Edward Tower, paid carting stone,	68
J. L. Hammet, ink wells and covers,	2 00
	$70 02

CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Zaccheus Rich, repairs,	$20 25
Henry Doane, Jr., carting,	90
Charles A. Gross, nails,	42
Bela Stoddard, mason work,	10 50
Gove & Tower, glazing,	2 50
Mrs. Mulchi, cleaning,	6 00
Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves,	6 68
Edward E. Ellms, ink, books and crayons,	10 49

Thomas M. Smith, carting, - - - -	75
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber, - - - -	15 42
J. L. Hammet, ink wells and covers, - -	1 50
	$75 41

NORTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Zaccheus Rich, repairs, - - - -	$5 25
Bela Stoddard, mason work, - - -	15 50
Gove & Tower, glazing, etc., - - -	3 24
Mrs. Sullivan, cleaning, - - - -	2 17
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc., - -	7 77
Henry Doane, Jr., carting, - - - -	75
Edward E. Ellms, ink, books and crayons, -	11 42
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber, - - -	1 25
J. L. Hammet, ink wells and covers, - -	2 00
	$49 35

JERUSALEM SCHOOL HOUSE.

Zaccheus Rich, repairs, - - - -	$6 00
Bela Stoddard, mason work, - - -	11 50
Gove & Tower, glazing, - - - -	2 50
David Beal, locks and lumber, - - -	1 37
Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves, - - -	3 82
Thomas M. Smith, carting, - - -	7 50
J. L. Hammet, ink wells and covers, - -	1 38
Welcome Beal & Co., crayons, &c., - -	4 96
	$39 03

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

High School.

Teachers' salaries, - - - -	$1,300 00
William Collier, care of rooms and making fires, -	26 25
Charles T. Collier, " " " " -	4 00
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood, - - -	1 25
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood, - - -	4 50
A. H. Tower, Jr , coal, - - - -	78 08
	$1,414 08

North School.

Teachers' salaries, - - - -	$420 00
Peter L. Battles, sawing, splitting and housing wood,	6 00
A. H. Tower, wood, - - - -	31 50
George P. Fox, sawing and splitting wood, -	2 00
—— Morse, making fires, - - -	10 00
Levi N. Bates, cash for making fires, - -	2 00
	$471 50

Centre School.

Teachers' salaries, - - - - -	$420 00
Peter L. Battles, sawing, splitting and housing wood, - - - - -	3 75
A. H. Tower, wood, - - - -	6 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal, - - - -	49 38
Levi N. Bates, cash paid housing wood, - -	87
—— Mulvey, making fires, - - -	10 00
	$490 00

South School.

Teachers' salaries, - - - - -	$420 00
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood, - - -	2 50
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood, - - -	9 00
Willie T. Tilden, making fires, - - -	11 50
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal, - - - -	43 83
	$486 83

Beachwood School.

Teachers' salaries, - - - -	$511 00
Lot Bates, wood, - - - - -	32 00
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood, - - -	10 67
John Warren Bates, 2d, wood, - - -	16 50
L. Webster Bates, splitting and housing wood, -	8 00
Aaron Pratt, wood, - - - -	4 00
Lincoln and Bates, care of rooms, - -	4 00
Isaac S. Pratt, wood, - - - -	7 00
John H. Morgan, making fires, - - -	11 50
Henry L. Bates, sawing and splitting, - -	1 50
	$606 17

Jerusalem School

Teachers' salaries, - - - -	$240 00
David Beal, wood, sawing, splitting and housing, -	26 50
Welcome Beal, paid making fires, - -	8 00
" " wood and housing, - -	4 00
	$278 50

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

Moses Lincoln,	45	12	Charles Barnes,	11	81
Samuel N. Lincoln,	52	00	A. L. Palmer,	8	00
Isaac Phinney,	10	00	H. L. Studley,	6	00
Richard Wells,	9	75	J. K. Hardwick,	6	00
Ephraim Lincoln, Jr.,	2	00	Edward Powers,	9	76
Lot Willcutt,	43	00	John Bennock,	$3	00
Joseph Mello,	3	00	Thomas Loney,	14	00
William Enos,	8	00	Isaac H. Tower,	5	00
William B. Taylor,	13	75	Frank Williams,	6	00
Thomas Ready,	2	00	Manuel Enos,	5	00
Frank Silvia,	4	00	W. H. Wilkins,	20	00
Ezra Towle, 2d,	7	00	J. A. Wilkins,	17	00
Thomas Bates,	148	00	Albert F. Barnes,	2	00
George F. Ennice,	6	00	Charles T. Barnes,	7	00
Phillip Fox,	36	75	Albert F. Pratt,	8	75
Antone Lawrence,	2	00	Levi L. Worrick, Jr.,	50	12
Thomas Smith,	90	75	Joseph Gracia,	4	05
Timothy W. Brown,	4	00	James Bennock,	3	00
Samuel G. James,	6	00	John W. Bates, 2d,	9	00
A. H. Tower,	26	50	Caleb F. B. Tilden,	21	25
Rufus Bates, Jr.,	4	00	Galen James,	20	75
Joseph J. Silvia,	2	00	Charles B. Burbank,	2	00
Samuel Nichols,	2	00	John Burbank,	7	00
David S. G. Doane,	2	50	Samuel Jones,	2	75
Thomas M. Smith,	26	00	Henry Doane, Jr.,	10	50
Caleb Lincoln,	45	50	George B. Hayden,	3	20
Joseph Mummies,	6	06	David Beal,	30	50
William St. John,	1	00	Edwin Bates,	17	50
Isaac S. Pratt,	4	00	William Souther,	5	00
J. Q. A. Lothrop,	36	00	Joseph Ennice,	11	00
Zaccheus Rich,	36	00	Isaac Kent,	15	00
Martin Lincoln,	75	00	Caleb J. Nichols,	12	50
John Cronican,	16	93	Ezra Towle,	21	00

Manuel Gracia,	2 00	Francis L. Bates,	4 00
Warren Willcutt,	3 67	Amos C. Locke,	103 35
Thomas Lincoln,	15 00	Aaron Nichols,	34 50
Benjamin Pratt,	37 77	William F. Thayer,	38 00
Isaiah Lincoln,	7 00	Warren Nichols,	42 00
Thomas Williams,	5 00		

Almshouse keeper and team, - - -	119 50
Martin Lincoln, team and man, - - -	40 50
	$1,604 28
Deduct labor by Almshouse keeper and team, -	119 50
	$1,484 78

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Adna Bates, gravel bank, - - - -	$75 00
Michael Sweney, gravel, - - - -	98 00
David Beal, gravel, - - - -	3 20
Lewis Willcutt, - - - - -	60 45
M. B. Stetson & Co., material for railing, -	1 00
Abraham H. Tower, use of skow and gravel, -	56 00
Amos Tilden & Son, posts for railing, at Steep Rock,	49 88
Thomas Bates, gravel, - - - -	34 80
Isaiah Lincoln, gravel, - - - -	8 00
J. W. Hayden, damage to building by blasting, -	6 25
Dr. Kneeland, damage to house, - - -	3 00
Timothy W. Brown, repairing railing, - -	5 00
A. C. & W. C. Locke, " " - -	1 85
Isaac Kent, " " - -	12 50
Lot Bates, posts for railing, - - -	6 00
Daniel Freeman, gravel, - - -	1 60
A. H. Tower, lumber for railing, - - -	66 94
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock for bridge, -	85
Caleb Lincoln, labor, - - - -	3 75

Ira B. Pratt, staples, for railing, - - -	60
Charles A. Gross, nails, - - - -	1 47
Charles A. Barnes, labor, - - -	60 75
Edward Powers, " - - -	50 00
John Cronican, " - - -	4 00
Henry L. Studley, " - - -	25 00
Justin K. Hardwick, " - - -	24 00
Alonzo L. Palmer, " - - -	21 00
Martin Lincoln, team, - - - -	30 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, - -	50 00
Zaccheus Rich, " " " - -	35 00
Martin Lincoln, " - - - -	84 00
Martin Lincoln, other services, horse hire and expenses, etc , - - - -	28 00
Amos Tilden & Son, blacksmithing, - -	5 57
	$913 46

Expenditures in removing ledges, widening roads at Samuel Bates' hill, Henry Collier's hill on South Main Street, near the dwelling of J. B. Bates, on Ellm Street, and near the dwelling of S. J. Lawrence, on Summer Street.

Henry Doane, Jr., carting, - - -	1 00
Amos Tilden & Son, blacksmithing, - -	55 72
Charles A. Gross, powder, etc., - - -	51 78
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber, - - -	15 00
Charles Barnes, labor, - - - -	102 62
Edward Power, " . - - -	94 91
John Cronigan, " - - · -	83 40
Henry L. Studley," - - - -	83 50
Justin R. Hardwick, labor, - - -	49 00
Alonzo L. Palmer, " - - - -	69 00
John N. Cook, " - - - -	20 00

Martin Lincoln, use of derrick, - - -		12 00
" " labor, - - - -		175 00
" " team, - - - -		41 20
Lewis Willcutt, 2d, carpenter work, - -		1 25
		$848 22
Repairs on Jerusalem street, - - -		$1,503 75
Estimated value of tools on hand, - -		137 61
Balance, - - - - -		$1,366 14
Amount rec'd from county of Norfolk,	$1,250 00	
" " " T. Henry Perkins, and others, - -	500 00	
	$1,750 00	

HINGHAM AND QUINCY BRIDGES.

Ellis Ames, counsel, - - - -	$125 00
Paid to trustees of bridges, - - -	972 63
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, - - -	2 50
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, - -	30 00
	$1,130 13

PAINTING.

Charles A. Gross, labor and stock, painting five school houses, and engine house as per contract, - - - - -	$500 00

TOWN HOUSE.

Ripley & Newhall, desk,	$50 00
Henry J. Hallgreen, inkstands,	3 74
Zaccheus Rich, labor,	33 00
Bela Stoddard, mason work,	22 00
H. Riley & Sons, slate and slating,	26 91
Samuel Bates, stove, funnel, etc.,	159 89
John Cronigan, labor,	5 50
Henry Doane, Jr., carting,	60
Alex. W. Hayden, mason work,	19 00
Samuel N. Lincoln, labor,	18 00
Louis N. Lincoln, hall when used free,	8 00
" " making fires and care of Selectmen's room,	8 00
Samuel D. Tower, glazing,	3 00
Thomas M. Smith, teaming,	3 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	16 61
" " lime, lumber and brick,	26 00
John G. Lothrop, sand,	1 00
J.Q.A. Lothrop, services and expenses as committee,	15 00
Zaccheus Rich, " " "	15 00
Martin Lincoln, " " "	15 00
	$449 26

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

William W. Studley, steward and housing wood,	$21 00
Zaccheus Rich, carpenter work,	6 00
Thirty-one members amount of poll tax,	62 00
Samuel Bates, stove funnel,	1 26
Alex. W. Hayden, mason work,	4 25
Squire S. Gove, gilding sign,	7 00
Edward E. Ellms, oil, etc.,	1 54
Thomas M. Smith, teaming,	1 50
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber and coal,	14 99
	$119 54

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Edward E. Ellms, - - - - -	$96 18

TOWN CLOCK.

E. Howard & Co., cleaning, etc., - - -	$20 12
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber, - - -	32
Zaccheus Rich, carpenter work, - - -	3 45
Newcomb Bates, care of clock, - - -	25 00
	$48 89

REMOVING SNOW.

John W. Bates, 2d,	$24 00	Samuel N. Lincoln,	3 25
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.,	5 00	Louis N. Lincoln,	9 50
Alfred Whittington,	1 34	Caleb Beal, Jr.,	19 50
Henry Doane, Jr.,	I 50	Thomas M. Smith,	35 50
Stephen P. Barnes,	1 67	Martin Lincoln,	3 75
Albert F. Barnes,	2 00	Joseph W. Willcutt,	2 50
Charles V. Barnes,	1 67	Isaac S. Pratt,	4 33
William W. Studley,	1 33	Alfred W. Lincoln,	2 50
William F. Thayer,	1 33	Caleb Lincoln,	7 00
Samuel Nichols,	5 67		
David Beal,	9 00		$142 34

DELINQUENT HIGHWAY TAX, 1868.

Caleb Beal, Jr.,	$157 72	Thomas M. Smith,	38 69
Levi L. Worrill, Jr.,	3 21	Adna Bates,	28 22
John W. Bates, 2d,	17 96	Lot Wilcutt,	46 83
Lewis Lincoln,	4 50	Caleb Lincoln,	30 03
William B. Johnson,	150 26		
Warren Willcutt,	15 31		$498 03
Alfred Whittington,	5 30		

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax 1869, - - - - -	$3,125 00
County tax 1869, - - - - -	$1,057 53
	$4,182 53

STATE AID.

Amount paid to soldiers and families from Feb. 1st, 1869, to Feb. 1, 1870, - - -	$858 33

FLAG STAFF.

William V. Creed, freight on topmast, - -	$1 00
H. Pigeon & Sons, spar for " - -	8 00
John Bates, mast, - - - - -	30 00
Caleb F. B. Tilden, carting, - - -	6 00
Whitton Brothers, ball and truck, - - -	7 00
	$52 00

STREET SIGNS.

Zaccheus Rich, carpenter work, - - -	$26 25
Dawes S. Nott, labor and stock painting, - -	8 25
William H. Pratt, lettering, - - -	17 02
Amos Tilden & Son, iron dogs, - - -	10 00
Waldo C. Locke, posts and setting, - -	22 50
Squire S. Gove, lettering, - - - -	1 35
Thomas M. Smith, teaming, - - -	2 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber, - - -	13 95
	$101 32

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1862.	
John Loring,	$0 85
1863.	
George Ainslie,	5 49
Isaac Phinney,	5 35
James Bates, 2d,	96
1864.	
John Loring,	1 28
George Ainslie,	5 53
Charles H. Litchfield.	9 20
Amos C. Locke,	20 58
Charles Homer,	12 75
Alfred Cummins,	5 76
1865.	
John Loring,	1 53
George Ainslie,	6 34
Isaac Phinney,	8 82
Charles H. Litchfield,	10 74
Charles Homer,	15 30
Solomon L. Damon,	2 99
Ebenezer Leavitt,	2 30
George T. Morey,	2 30
Thomas Mulvey,	2 30
George Pratt,	14 14
Est. Asa Lincoln,	3 68
Foster Litchfield,	9 83
Allen Lincoln,	7 54
Alfred Cummins,	6 33
1866.	
Alfred Cummins,	6 14
George Ainslee,	8 99
George Pratt,	9 80
Ebenezer Leavitt,	2 00
Joseph Rose, 2d,	2 30
Joseph Rose,	3 81
Manual Rose,	2 30
William F. Harris, Jr.,	2 00
1867.	
Est. Josiah Oakes,	51
George Ainslie,	7 80
Charles H. Litchfield,	9 78
Ebenezer Leavitt,	2 50
George Pratt,	10 70
Joseph Rose,	2 30
Manual Rose,	2 50
William Couilard, Jr.,	2 00
William F. Harris, Jr.,	2 00
1868.	
Est. Josiah Oakes,	40
Alfred Cummins,	4 80
Henry W. Beal,	15 00
George Ainslie,	6 20
Charles H. Litchfield,	7 51
George Pratt,	7 78
Manual Rose,	2 82
John F. Bates.	2 82
Moses R. Churchill,	2 00
William Couilard, Jr.,	2 00
David J. Couilard,	2 00
William F. Harris, Jr.,	2 82
Jesse D. Hutchinson,	11 17
Nelson Hutchinson,	2 00
Daniel S. Lincoln,	2 00
William Morris,	2 00
Chas. O. Newcomb,	2 00
William H. Sylvester,	2 00
Amos K. Tilden,	2 00
Chas. F. Taft,	12 82
1869.	
John Wilson,	6 09
Robert H. Reed,	2 40
Henry C. Tower,	10 50
James H. Bouve,	2 23
Elijah Sprague,	73
Joseph H. Smith,	22 60
Elijah N. Barker,	2 00
Edward D. Peters,	15 00
Est. Josiah Oakes,	42
Joseph Briggs,	2 40
Eugene Sweeney,	1 00
Ephraim Snow,	31 50
Antonio Enos,	2 40

Ezekiel L. Marshall,	2 40	James M. Stoddard,	1 45
William F. Harris,	90	Charles T. Sables,	11 30
J. Foster Doane,	2 00		
Andrew Morse,	3 15	Total,	$451 92

TOWN OFFICERS.

Joseph Osgood,	School Committee, - -	$52 00
Edward Tower,	" " - -	35 00
Levi N. Bates,	" " - -	30 00
		$117 00

J. Q. A. Lathrop,	Selectmen, - - -	$55 00
" "	services and expenses on State Aid,	21 00
Zaccheus Rich,	Selectmen, - - -	35 00
" "	State Aid, - - -	6 00
Martin Lincoln,	" - - -	35 00
" "	" " - - -	6 00
Total,		$158 00

Assessors.	J. Q. A. Lathrop, - - -	$100 00
	" " extra services, -	28 00
"	Zaccheus Rich, - - -	100 00
	" " " " -	20 00
"	Martin Lincoln, - - -	100 00
	" " " " - -	20 00
Total,		$368 00

Town Clerk.—Edward Tower, - - -	$53 15
Town Treasurer and Collector—A. H. Tower, Jr.,	200 00
Total,	$253 15

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bates and Lothrop, distributing town reports, -	$2 50
Andrew W. Williams, notifying town officers, -	8 00
George Osgood, distributing school reports, -	2 50
State Nautical School, for Aaron Nichols, - -	26 00
" " " " Thomas Mulchi, -	16 64
Edward Tower, stationery, - - -	9 10
" " postage, - - - -	4 57
Charles A. Gross, stationery, - - -	2 60
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, entertainment to Selectmen, Co. Commissioners and Assessors,	38 00
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, School Committee, -	31 50
" " " " Town Clerk, -	2 50
Andrew W. Williams, commission on taxes, -	15 85
Beal's Express, - - - - -	7 35
Peter C. Kimball, damage to carriage, - -	22 15
Louis N. Lincoln, town meetings, - - -	8 00
" " posting warrants, - -	6 00
" " services as truant officer, -	5 50
" " services under dog law, -	3 50
D. S. G. Doane, services as constable and truant officer, - - - - -	11 35
Ezra Towle, 2d, return of deaths, - - -	3 60
John Pratt, damage by lowering highway - -	25 00
Calvin Merriam, stationery, - - -	45
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber for snow plow, - -	4 74
Ira B. Pratt, repairing snow plow, - -	5 00
Newcomb Bates, ringing bell, - - -	5 00
" " books, - - - -	50
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses as Committee,	25 00
Zaccheus Rich, " " "	25 00
Martin Lincoln, " " "	25 00
Michael Sweney, entertaining travellers, - -	12 50
Edward E. Ellms, blank book, - - -	37
Isaac S. Pratt, lot in burial ground, - -	14 00
	$369 77

RECAPITULATION.

Bills outstanding Feb. 10, 1869,	$291 06
Printing,	163 75
Expenditures on school-houses,	649 48
Support of schools,	3,747 08
Repairs of highways,	1,484 78
Roads and bridges,	913 46
Expenditures in removing ledges, etc.,	848 22
Repairs on Jerusalem street,	1,503 75
Hingham and Quincy bridges,	1,130 13
Painting school-houses,	500 00
Town house,	449 26
Fire Department,	119 54
School books,	96 18
Town clock,	48 89
Removing snow,	142 34
Delinquent highway tax,	498 03
State and County tax,	4,182 53
State Aid,	858 33
Flag-staff,	52 00
Street signs,	101 32
Abatement of taxes,	451 92
Town officers,	896 15
Miscellaneous,	369 77
Orders to Overseers of the Poor,	4,739 94
Amount of orders drawn by Selectmen,	$24,237 91

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN FEB. 10, 1870.

Amount of Funded Debt, old issue, 1858, as follows, viz.:

Cohasset Savings Bank, six notes, due in 1870, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75,	$6,000 00

Amount of funded debt issued 1863:

Cohasset Savings Bank, five notes, due April 1, 1876, '77, '78, '79, '80, -	$5,000 00	
Lewis Willcutt, 1 note due April 1, 1870,	500 00	
Henry Doane, Jr., 2 " " 1, 1871–2,	1,000 00	
Levi Lincoln, 1 note " " 1, 1873,	500 00	
Calvin Merriam, 1 " " 1, 1874,	500 00	
Est. Newcomb Bates, 1 " " 1, 1875,	500 00	
		$8,000 00
Amount of Funded Debt, - -		- $14,000 00

DEMAND NOTES OUTSTANDING FEB. 10, 1870:

Hingham Institution for Savings, Feb. 10, 1869, -	$1,500 00
" " " " April 6, 1869, -	2,000 00
Cohasset Mut. Fire Insurance Co., Jan. 1, 1870, -	600 00
Morgan B. Stetson, Jan. 22, 1870, - -	750 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1870, - -	2,500 00
	$7,350 00
Amount of Funded Debt, old issue, - -	6,000 00
" " " 1863, - - -	8,000 00
Total, - - - - -	$21,350 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1870:

Amount due from State for State Aid to Feb. 10, '70,	$912 83
" " " for balance, - -	457 92
" " " for State paupers, - -	856 09
" " John J. Lothrop, - -	318 58
" " Hull for schooling, - -	100 00
" " Town of Scituate, - -	34 50
" " " Marshfield, - -	21 37
" " " Abington, - -	15 64
" " F. J. Damon, - - -	7 50
Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 10, 1870, - -	1,509 54
Total, - - - -	$4,233 97

In submitting the annual report of the expenditures and financial condition of the town, the Selectmen wish to call attention to the extraordinary expenses the past year; also, that the debt has been reduced only $150.00 during the year. We have paid for the support of the Hingham and Quincy Bridges, and the costs and counsel fees in the suit of the Trustees of said bridges against the town, the sum of $1,130.13. which was not provided for at the last annual meeting; also,the amount of $449.48 for repairs on school-houses over the appropriation, which sum was expended under the direction of the School Committee Also the sum of about $1,000 expended by the Overseers of the Poor in re-stocking the farm without an appropriation. Also expended in widening streets and removing ledges $573.22 over the amount appropriated at the last annual meeting, although the above amount had been appropriated the year before and expended for other purposes. Money had to be hired to meet the payments. Also the sum of $101.32 for street signs, and $52 as part payment of new flag staff, and $858.33 to pay State Aid to sailors and soldiers and families without any special appropriation therefor. Also abatements of taxes amounting to $451.92, a large portion of which was made by vote of the town at its last annual meeting, and no provisions made to pay them, making in all about $4,364.38, a portion of which would have been applied to the reduction of the debt,—for instance, the amount paid to Trustees of Hingham and Quincy Bridges, repairs on school-houses, flag-staff, and abatement on taxes, would have reduced the debt about $2,000.00.

The amount of funded debt Feb. 10, 1865, was $20,000.00. Feb. 10, 1870, it is $14,000.00,—demand notes outstanding Feb. 10, 1865, was $1,710.00. Feb. 10, 1870, it is $7,350.00, showing a reduction of funded debt to the amount of $6,000.00, and demand debt to the amount of $4,360, making in all a reduction of $10,360.00 in the last five years, it being a fraction over $2,000 on an average for each year, the amount of

funded debt to be paid by vote of the town, and conditions when funded during the five years above mentioned was $6,000; therefore the debt has been reduced $4,360 more than was provided to be paid by any vote of the town during the five years.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
ZACCHEUS RICH,
MARTIN LINCOLN,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1. 1870.

Almshouse Account.

	Dr.
To stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1869,	$737 36
Mary Larrey, furniture,	11 50
Ely Haskins, one horse,	200 00
John Wilson, one cow,	100 00
Amos C. Locke, shaving, etc.,	1 63
A. A. Blaney, cash paid for horse cart,	80 00
Mrs. Fratis and Williams, cleaning,	15 50
John Lincoln, one cow,	100 00
James Baker, carriage harness,	8 00
Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, etc.,	71 67
F. Beal & Co., flour, grain, and groceries,	65 00
Allen Beal & Co., covered wagon,	40 00
Lot Bates, hay,	29 75
Seth Thomas, pigs,	29 00
Dowes S. Nott, painting and papering,	8 35
Augustus A. Blaney, salary to Feb. 1, 1870,	208 34
Galen James, manure,	4 00

George Hunt, bread,	3 00
Charles A. Gross, paints, paper, oils, etc.,	54 25
John Warren Bates, 2d, potatoes, etc.,	7 00
Morgan B. Stetson & Co., grain and groceries,	109 33
James St. John, tailoring,	1 50
Alex. W. Hayden, mason work,	13 35
David A. Hersey, cart harness,	22 00
Lot Bates, ploughing, etc.,	10 50
Calvin Merriman, groceries,	54 88
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, for carpenters, painters and overseers,	27 50
J. W. Pierce, coffin and plate,	10 00
Beals' express,	1 00
Massachusetts Ploughman,	2 50
Ezra Towle, 2d, services as undertaker,	7 00
J. C. Hayden, repairs on carriage and wagon,	32 40
Lucinda Damon, services as keeper, to April 5,1869,	25 00
C. G. Beal & Co., grain and groceries,	107 00
Levi L. Worrick, 3d, labor,	51 25
Heirs Caroline Tower, standing wood,	7 63
A. C. and W. C. Lock, cranberries, etc.,	1 40
Samuel Bates, tin ware, etc.,	23 37
Samuel G. James, 1-2 cord pine wood,	2 50
Philander Bates, shoes, etc.,	4 42
Bourne & Nickerson, beef, to April 3, 1869,	66 15
" " " from April 3, to Jan. 1,1870,	42 42
Henry Cushing, repairs on harness,	5 50
Alex. T. Prouty, fish, etc.,	4 88
Amos Tilden & Son, repairs, and horse shoeing,	30 10
David Cushing, 2d, lumber,	19 26
Edward E. Ellms, groceries, medicines, etc.,	37 20
Gustavus P. Pratt, medical attendance,	7 00
Charles H. Willard, groceries,	10 15
Zaccheus Rich, carpenter work,	28 79
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal and lumber,	63 07
Howard Pratt, grain and groceries,	54 52
Overseers of the Poor, services,	45 00
Ephraim Snow, mackerel,	4 00
	$2,707 92

STOCK AT THE ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1870.

Cr.

By one farm wagon,	$85 00	2 cows,	200 00
" " horse cart,	80 00	8 tons English hay,	184 00
" " covered wagon,	75 00	1-2 ton creek hay,	5 00
" " cart harness,	25 00	12 hens,	9 00
" " wagon harness,	15 00	1 1-2 bushels meal,	1 80
" " 2 ploughs,	5 50	2 bushels corn,	2 60
" " horse sled,	5 00	5 meal bags,	2 00
" " harrow,	6 00	350 lbs. pork,	77 00
" " sleigh,	20 00	1-3 bbl. beef,	10 00
" " set of tools,	3 00	15 lbs. fresh pork,	2 50
Pump chains,	1 00	" " tallow,	1 50
Chains,	10 00	65 " lard,	14 30
Scythes and snaths,	8 00	80 " butter,	36 80
3 iron bars,	5 00	5-8 bbl. flour,	6 00
2 pick axes,	2 00	15 lbs. tea,	16 50
Forks and shovels,	4 00	31 bushels potatoes,	31 00
2 ladders,	1 50	2 1-2 bushels roots,	2 00
Rope and tackle,	5 00	10 beef and pork casks,	10 00
Hay forks and rakes,	2 50	1 washing machine, etc.,	5 00
1 ox yoke,	3 75	1 wringer,	5 00
Water casks, troughs and plank,	5 00	Clothes lines, baskets, etc,	2 00
1 hay wagon,	8 00	Tin, earthern and stone ware,	45 00
1 whip, and wheel oil,	1 75	1 gallon molasses,	75
1 grind stone,	2 00	Spices and boxes,	4 00
1 pump,	5 00	Churn,	2 50
150 feet lumber,	3 00	1-4 bbl. soft soap,	1 25
Currycomb and brush,	1 00	3 stoves and fixtures,	45 00
1 paint brush,	1 50	1 cook stove and fixtures,	75 00
1 hand saw,	2 25	2 wash tubs,	2 00
Lot manure,	30 00	Beetle and wedges,	5 00
1 horse,	225 00	Wood saws, etc.,	1 50

Pails, dippers and flats,	3	50	3-4 ton of coal,	9	37
20 empty bbls.	5	00	11 bedsteads,	26	50
10 single feather beds,	50	00	80 lbs. ham,	16	00
2 double feather beds,	40	00	1-8 bbl. mackerel,	2	00
4 comforters,	10	00	3 doz. cabbages,	3	00
7 blankets,	7	00	4 lbs. dried apples,		64
15 quilts,	40	00	2 " white sugar,		34
20 pillow cases,	6	00	5 " rice,		50
20 sheets,	20	00	4 yds. sheeting,		64
20 pillows,	20	00	75 lbs. squashes,	2	25
Furniture,	25	00	Hatchets, axes, &c.	5	00
Smoking tobacco,		33			
8 cords hard wood,	48	00		$1,783	92

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT OF SALES AND LABOR.

To 23 days on highway, one man, - -		$46 00
" 21 " " with team and man, -		73 50
A. A. Blaney, milk and butter, - - -		2 94
M. Clapp, $5\frac{3}{4}$ tons hay, - - - -		115 38
A. T. Prouty, butter, - - - -		12 40
Z. Rich, butter, - - - - -		15 60
J. Q. A. Lothorp, butter, and carting wood, -		18 80
Bourne & Nickerson, calves, - - -		26 55
		$311 17
Amount of sales, - - -	$311 17	
" " stock on hand, - -	1,783 92	
		$2,095 09
Debt brought forward, - - - -		$2,707 92
Credit brought forward, - - - -		2,095 09
Almshouse debtor to balance, - - -		$612 83

Expenses of inmates of Almshouse, 244 weeks at $\$2.51\frac{39}{244}$, per week, amounts to $612.83.

Deduct the amount paid for repairs, which is $141.50, and the actual cost per week for board of paupers would be $\$1.93\frac{31}{244}$ per week, much less than it has been for a number of years.

SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1870.

Paid State Lunatic Hospital for David Willcutt, -		$203 95
" " " " " Josephine E. Bates,		189 38
" " " " " John J. Lothrop, -		212 38
" " " " " Elizabeth J. Dady,		126 06
Total, - - - - -		$731 77
Paid H. G. Thompson, for board of E. B. Gilbert,		$87 00
" Mrs. John Tyrar, for board of Joseph Wilson,		77 00
" M. B. Stetson & Co., clothing, " "		5 38
		$169 38
Assistance to Charlotte White by C. F. Nichols,		$121 75
" " Josiah Mann, by C.F. Nichols, $16 50		
" " " " " Dr. G. P. Pratt, - - - 10 00		$26 50
" " Mrs. M. Cloud by C. F. Nichols, - - - - 10 00		
" " Mrs. M. Cloud by M. B. Stetson & Co., - - - 18 38		$28 38

Assistance to Mrs. Pearson by C. F. Nichols,			
	5 22		
" " " " " M. B. Stetson & Co.,			
	3 00		
" " Mrs. Pearson by A. H. Tower, Jr.,			
	21 00		
			$29 22
" " Mrs. Lambert by C. F. Nichols,			
	4 38		
" " Mrs. Lambert, by C. H. Willard,			
	101 08		
" " Mrs. Lambert, by M. B. Stetson & Co.,			
	3 00		
" " Mrs. Lambert, by Dr. G. P. Pratt,			
	7 00		
" " Mrs. Lambert, by A. H. Tower, Jr.,			
	23 00		
			$148 46
" " Mary G. Brooks, by Ezra Brown,		$143 28	
" " Mary G. Brooks, by Lot Bates,		32 25	
" " " " " " Dr. G. P. Pratt,			
		8 00	
" " Mary G. Brooks, by E. E. Ellms,			
		90	
			$184 43
" " Frank Smith by Ezra Brown,		$146 58	
" " " " " Sam'l Curtis, coffin, etc.,			
		16 50	
" " Frank Smith by D. W. Whitcomb,			
		6 00	
" " Frank Smith by Dr. G. P. Pratt,			
		30 00	
" " Frank Smith by Lot Bates,		14 00	
" " " " " E. E. Ellms,		12 24	
			$225 32

Assistance to Mrs. Isabella Silvia by Robt. H. Reed, - - -	$2 25		
" " Mrs. Isabella Silvia, by J. W. Pierce, - - -	3 50		
" " Mrs. Isabella Silvia by M. B. Stetson & Co., - -	7 50		
" " Mrs. Isabella Silvia by Ezra Towle, 2d, - - -	4 00		
" " Mrs. Isabella Silvia by Bourne & Nickerson, - - -	71 32		
" " Mrs. Isabella Silvia by A. H. Tower, Jr., - -	113 89		
		$202	46
" " J. P. Wheelwright by Howard Pratt, 1868, - -	$55 99		
" " J. P. Wheelwright by Howard Pratt, 1869, - -	105 43		
		$161	42
" " David Vinal by Calvin Merriam, - - -	$104 43		
" " David Vinal by Dr. G. P. Pratt, - - -	2 00		
		$106	43
" " Jesse Tower by Calvin Merriam, - - -	$145 87		
" " Jesse Tower by Dr. G. P. Pratt, - - -	5 00		
" " Jesse Tower by A. H. Tower, Jr., - - -	25 00		
		$175	87
" " John Thompson's family by Ezra Towle, 2d, burial, -	7 00		
" " John Thompson's family by Z. Rich, coffin, etc., - -	18 00		

Assistance to John Thompson's family by T. M. Smith, - - -	3 00	
" " John Thompson's family by A. H. Tower, Jr., - -	11 50	
		$39 50
City of Boston, for Sarah P. Joy, -	$45 62	
" " " " Elizabeth J. Nichols,	32 92	
" " " " Eunice Sterling, -	66 82	
		$145 36
Assistance to Mrs. Joseph Root by C. G. Beal & Co., - -	$5 30	
" " Mrs. Joseph Root by A. H. Tower, Jr., - - -	12 00	
		$17 30
" " John Tyrar by Calvin Merriam, - - - -	10 00	
" " John Tyrar by A. H. Tower, Jr., - - -	11 50	
		$21 50
" " John Willcutt by Calvin Merriam, - - - -		$33 89
" " Mrs. John Mulvey by A. H. Tower, Jr., - - -		$17 00
" " Stephen T. Sherman by Chas. A. Gross, - - - -		$21 37
" " Mrs. Polley Coin by Charles A. Gross, - - - -		$16 39
" " George M. Arnold by Howard Pratt, - - - -		$7 64

ALMSHOUSE BILLS OUTSTANDING, 1868.

Howard Pratt, - - -	$27 25	
John Souther, - - -	2 80	
Dr. G. P. Pratt, - - -	14 00	
Dr. G. P. Pratt, for Scituate paupers,	8 00	
William F. Thayer, 1867–8, - -	4 32	
		$56 37
Dr. G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, Mrs. Enos, -		$10 00
Thomas M. Smith, paupers to State Almshouse, -		27 00
Overseers of the Poor, services and expenses, -		65 00
		$102 00
Total, - - - - -		$2,789 71

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By amount due from John J. Lothrop, -	$212 38	
" " " City of Boston, -	121 75	
" " " State for State paupers,	612 21	
" " " Town of Scituate,	34 50	
" " " " Marshfield,	21 37	
" " " " Abington,	7 64	
		$1,009 85
Outside expenses Dr. to balance, - - -		$1,779 86

The Overseers deem it their duty to call the attention of the town to the cost per week of supporting the inmates in the Almshouse the past year, compared with the cost in former years. The amount drawn from the treasury has been very large to re-stock the farm and make the house comfortable, a portion of which will not occur another year.

Notwithstanding the large amount drawn from the treasury, the cost of living at the Almshouse is very reasonable, owing to the management of the present keeper and his wife, and we do not hesitate to say that we have been perfectly satisfied, and that the town never had a better man and woman to take care of the inmates and farm, hoping the town will be able to retain them another year.

The expense of helping poor and unfortunate persons out of the Almshouse has increased the past year, and the Overseers are unable to devise any measures by which the same can be reduced without causing suffering. The amount paid to State paupers, a part of which has been received from the State, is in process of settlement, and will in the course of the year all be paid.

The Overseers recommend the raising of a sum to repair the outside of the Almshouse by putting in new window frames and sashes in the front and southerly end, and covering with clapboards the front end, and making a new entrance into the house from the northerly side. The town voted not to sell the town farm at its last annual meeting, and we presume the town will have no objection to making the house comfortable and keeping the same in good repair.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOT BATES,
CALEB BEAL, Jr.
} *Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

REPORT ON STREETS.

The Town at its annual meeting held March 3, 1868, on an article in the Warrant for that purpose, voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration the naming of the roads and streets, and report at some future meeting.

By virtue of that vote, the Selectmen, after having given public notice that all persons interested would be heard, and accordingly were heard on the twentieth day of February last past, submit the following report of the limits and names to the town for their revision and acceptance :

1. The road commencing at the depot avenue and terminating at Scituate line, near dwelling of Joshua Jenkins, be called South Main Street.

2. The road commencing at the Depot Avenue and terminating at Hingham line, near the railroad crossing, be called North Main Street.

3. The road commencing on South Main Street between dwelling of Charles Pratt and William B. Johnson, and terminating on Hingham line near dwelling of Benjamin Pratt's, be called Beechwood Street.

4. The road commencing on Beechwood Street, at John & Aaron Pratt's store, and terminating on Scituate line, near dwelling of Mrs. Daniel P. Arnold, be called Church Street.

5. The road commencing on South Main street, near dwelling of heirs of Caleb Nichols, and terminating at South Main street at dwelling of Calvin R. Fitts, be called Spring street.

6. The road commencing on South Main street near dwelling of James Pratt, and terminating on bridge near C. F. Nichols' store, including the road leading by dwelling of A. W. Hayden and S. L. Jenkins until it intersects Border street, be called Summer street.

7. The road commencing on South Main street at engine house, and terminating at bridge near C. F. Nichols' store, be called Elm street.

8. The road commencing on Spring street near dwelling of Adaline and Hannah Pratt, and terminating at Great Pond, be called Pond street.

9. The road commencing on Summer street, at dwelling of Elisha Stetson, and terminating at Gulf River, be called Snow Place.

10. The road commencing on Summer street, on bridge near C. F. Nichols' store, and terminating on Scituate line near dwelling of Mrs. Mary Turner, be called Border street.

11. The road commencing on Elm street, near dwelling of Lot Wilcutt, and terminating at Hominy Point, near Alfred Whittington's wharf, be called Margin street.

12. The road commencing on Elm street near dwelling of Amos Tilden, and terminating on South Main street, be called Brook street.

13. The road in rear of railroad depot be called Pleasant street.

14. The road commencing on Elm street, near shop of Thomas Beal, running over the hill by Centre school-house, and terminating on town common near dwelling of Mrs. Laban Souther, be called Highland Avenue.

15. The road commencing on North Main Street near dwelling of John Bates, and terminating on King street, near dwelling of Henry Nichols, be called Winter street.

16. The road commencing on North Main street, near dwellings of James G. Doane and Levi Tower, and terminating on Winter street, be called Green street.

17. The road commencing on North Main street, near dwelling of Bela Stoddard, running round near the sea, and terminating on Hull street, near telegraph office, be called Jerusalem street.

18. The road commencing on Jerusalem street at Steep Rocks, and terminating near the dwelling of Aaron Nichols on Jerusalem street, be called Bow street.

19. The road commencing near Nantasket railroad station, and terminating on Hull line, be called Hull street.

20. The road commencing on North Main street, near the dwelling of John Wilson, and terminating on Beechwood street, near the dwelling of Robert H. Reed, be called King street.

21. The road commencing on North Main street, near the dwelling of Charles L. Rich, and terminating on Hull street, near the dwelling of Daniel Freeman, be called Cedar street.

22. The way commencing on North Main street, and running by the burial ground, be called Joy Place.

23. The private way commencing on town common, near the dwelling of James Collier, and terminating near the dwellings of Edward Cunningham and John J. Lothrop, be called Beach Place.

The Selectmen recommend that the town provide suitable boards, with the name of the street or place painted thereon, and put up at different points in each street, where they may be needed, and if necessary to erect posts for the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
ZACCHEUS RICH,
MARTIN LINCOLN,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

Cohasset, March 1, 1869.

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen on defining the limits and naming the streets, after amending the same.

EDWARD TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

A true copy. Attest:

EDWARD TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT

1869–70.

To paid amount of Selectmen's orders drawn to date		$16,292 46
" Appropriation for school teaching		3,311 00
" Abatement of taxes by Assessors		451 92
" Discount on taxes paid to Sept. 1, 1869		1,016 98
" State Tax for 1869		3,125 00
" County Tax for 1869		1,057 53
" Cohasset Savings Bank, note due April 1, 1869		1,000 00
" George W. Whitcomb, " April 1, 1869		200 00
" Bela Bates, " April 1, 1869		200 00
" Caleb L. Bates, " April 1, 1869		100 00
" Hingham Ins. for Savings, Note dated Nov. 19, 1866		1,000 00
" " " " " Feb. 12, 1868		1,500 00
" " " " " Nov. 13, 1868		2,000 00
" Cohasset Savings Bank. Notes given for hired money		3,000 00
" Interest on Town's Notes		1,456 96
		$35,711 85
To Balance in Treasury		1,509 54
		$37,221 39

Cohasset, Feb. 10, 1870.

WITH A. H. TOWER, JR., TREASURER. CR.

1869–70.

By balance in treasury from former account		$1,911 54
rec'd of State Treasurer on account	Corporation tax	1,730 92
" " " "	State Aid	764 58
" " " "	support of paupers	215 00
" " " "	Mass. School Fund, 1868,	169 26
" Norfolk County, " "	Dog licenses	115 81
" " "	repairs Jerusalem road	1,250 00
" T. H. Perkins and others, "	" "	500 00
" City of Boston, supplies to Mrs. White and son		121 75
" Town of Scituate, support of paupers		176 43
" Town of Duxbury, supplies to A. Essex		12 50
" L. N. Lincoln, for income Town Hall,		56 50
" Cohasset Savings Bank, interest "Ripley Fund"		60 00
" Interest on delinquent taxes collected		13 73
" Tuition of boy from neighboring town		5 00
" Isaac S. Pratt, Almshouse account 1868		10 25
" Bourne & Nickerson, " 1869		26 55
" Lot Bates for hay, " 1869		115 38
" Sundry persons sales at " 1869		49 74
" Samuel Bates, material from Town House		5 00
" Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money		5,500 00
" Hingham Ins. for Savings, "		2,000 00
" Cohasset Mut. Fire Ins. Co. "		600 00
" Morgan B. Stetson, "		750 00
" Amount of Tax List for 1869		21,061 44
		$37,221 39

A. H. TOWER, JR., *Treasurer.*

MARRIAGES, 1869.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.	OCCUPATION.
Jan. 1	Leonard A. Giles,	Troy, N. Y.	Rome, N. Y.	Stove Manf.
	Susie E. Snow,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Jan. 13	Job E. Curtis,	Scituate,	Scituate,	Shoemaker.
	Mary C. Parkinson,	"	Topsfield,	
Feb. 10	Calvin R. Fitts,	Cohasset,	.....	.....
	Helen F. Trask,	Quincy,	Married in	Quincy.
Mar. 15	Charles O Parker,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Machinist.
	Sophia T. Hall,	"	"	
Mar. 18	Charles T. Bates,	Jersey City, N J	"	Bookkeeper.
	Mary H. Kimball,	Cohasset,	East Boston	
Mar. 23	John Valine,	"	W. Isles,	Mariner.
	Antonia Ainslie,	"	"	
April 9	Patrick Downy,	"	Ireland,	Laborer.
	Ellen Keefe,	"	"	
April 18	Daniel E. Hill,	"	Scituate,	Shoemaker.
	Jane M. Jenkins,	Scituate,	Medford,	
April 27	Manuel F. Mendon,	Cohasset,	W. Isles,	Mariner.
	Mary Rosa,	"	"	
May 31	Albert P. Smith,	Bangor, Me.	Biddeford, Me.	Laborer.
	Louisa M. Williston,	"	Molunsus, "	
June 6	Elwood M. Litchfield,	Scituate,	Scituate,	Painter.
	Clara R. Harris,	Cohasset,	"	
June 6	George H. Barker,	"	Cohasset,	Carpenter.
	Imogene Lothrop,	"	Boston,	
June 14	William F. Mead,	"	Charlestown	Dentist.
	M. Alice Phinney,	"	Hingham,	
July 20	Benjamin H. Crane,	"	Cohasset,	Shoemaker.
	Lydia M. Hill,	"	Scituate,	
July 25	Levi A. Bates,	Weymouth,	Weymouth,	Farmer.
	Charlotte M. Nichols,	"	Cohasset,	
Aug. 1	John O. Barnes,	Cohasset,	.....	.....
	Susan A. Beal,	"	Married in	Hingham.
Sept. 1	John C. Brooks,	Boston,	Dorchester,	Grocer.
	Sarah A. Whittington,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	
Sept. 25	Joseph E. Brown,	"	Cornwallis, N S	Farmer.
	Mary E. Cassock,	"	England,	
Oct. 5	Charles A. Bates,	"	Cohasset,	Laborer.
	Elizabeth Williamson,	"	Hull,	
Oct. 11	Edwin H. Studley,	Hanover,	Hanover,	Manufac'r.
	Matilda D. Sylvester,	S. Scituate,	So. Scituate,	
Oct. 17	Robert L. Curtis,	Cohasset,	S Weymouth	Shoemaker.
	Sarah F. Williams,	"	Cohasset,	
Oct. 17	Samuel E. Pratt,	"	"	Farmer.
	Caroline J. Litchfield,	Scituate,	Scituate,	
Oct. 18	William H. Reed,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Shoemaker.
	Catherine Logan,	Quincy,	Quincy,	
Oct. 27	Albert F. Barnes,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Shoemaker.
	Catherine E. Kelly,	"	Somerville,	
Nov. 3	Thaddeus A. Lawrence,	So. Scituate,	Cohasset,	Painter.
	Rachel B. Beal,	Hingham,	Hingham,	

MARRIAGES, 1869—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.	OCCUPATION.
Nov. 3	Thomas Loney,	Cohasset,	.....	.....
	Laura Thompson,	"	Married in	Boston.
Nov. 13	Asa Howard,	"	Castine, Me	Mariner.
	Mary Lizzie Brinnell,	"	Haverhill,	
Nov. 18	John F. Mott,	Scituate,	.....	.....
	Caroline A. Wilson,	Cohasset,	Married in	Scituate.
Nov. 18	Charles G. Baxter,	"	Barnstable,	Boat builder
	Ida Eliza Ewell,	"	Scituate.	
Dec. 28	Manuel S. Leonard,	"	W. Isles.	Mariner.
	Bethia Victoria,	"	"	
Dec. 28	Alfred Bent,	"	.....	.....
	Sarah J. Cushing,	Hingham.	Married in	Hingham.
Dec. 31	Lewis Wheelwright,	Cohasset,	Cohasset,	Shoemaker.
	Louisa Woodworth,	"	British Prov	

NOT RETURNED.

George H. Smith,	Lincoln, Iowa.	
Sarah Y. Larry,	Cohasset.	Married in Des Moines.
William J. Sloan,	Scituate,	
Elizabeth G. Mulvey,	Cohasset.	" " Weymouth,
Warren Newcomb,	"	
Ellen M. Litchfield,	Scituate,	" " Scituate.
Joseph St. John,	Cohasset,	
Catherine Roach,	"	Married by Priest—not ret'd.

EDWARD TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS 1869.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE Y.	M.	D.	BIRTHPLACE	DISEASE.
Feb. 11	Ambrose N. Bates,	16	9		Cohasset,	Scarlet fever.
" 20	Katie Murphy,		10	20	"	Lung fever.
" 15	Christiana Tower,	1	5		Scituate,	Scarlet fever.
Mar. 14	Rufus Fish,	69	4		Duxbury,	Heart disease.
" 27	Levi Pratt,	70	7		Cohasset,	Paralysis.
April 1	Willie Grey Cousens,	4	4		Newton,	Brain fever.
" 2	Hannah A. Tilden,	59		15	Hingham,	Consumption.
" 2	James Otis Bates,	2			Cohasset,	Whooping cough.
" 14	Clarence E. Hardwick,	6			Quincy,	Scarlet fever.
" 26	Manual G. Gracia,	2	7		Cohasset,	Consumption.
May 2	William Burdick,	38	8		Scituate,	Paralysis.
" 3	Mary N. Wheelwright,	40			Marshfield.	
" 22	Charles Peirce,	74			Westbrook.	Gastrisis.
June 11	Charlotte Tower,	62	8		Cohasset,	
" 13	David Mulvey,	4	10	13	"	Scarlet fever.
" 26	Harriet T. Ripley,	55			"	Consumption.
July 5	Anna F. Snow,	24	10		"	"
" 22	Benjamin F. Smith,	25	5		"	"
Aug. 5	Anna Silvia,	1	4		"	Whooping cough.
" 5	Joseph N. Brennock,	2	7		"	Lung fever.
" 7	Simeon P. Gove,	65			Ware, N. H.	Paralysis.
" 9	Jairus Pratt,	72			Cohasset,	Died in Boston.
" 15	Mary P. Miller,	1			"	Whooping cough.
" 16	Mary Gracia,	7			"	Cholera.
" 29	Emily Wilcutt,	59	5	17	"	Dropsy.
Sept. 4	John Burbank,	53	6		"	Tumor. In Boston
" 7	Ezra Hudson,	68	9		Provincet'n,	Old age.
" 8	Cyrus W. Gammon,	54	4	8	Middleboro,	Drowned at sea.
" 8	Betsey Pratt,	71	6		Cohasset,	Paralysis.
" 20	Catherine K. Nichols,	83	1		"	" In Hingham
" 20	William Lincoln,	83	11		"	Pleurisy.
" 30	Ezra Leavitt Towle,	29			"	Accidental.
" 28	Frank Smith,	42			W. Isles,	Consumption.
Oct. 14	Joseph Lincoln,	85	10	22	Cohasset,	Old age.
" 14	John Thompson,	34			Sweden,	Consumption.
Nov. 4	James G. Lincoln,		5		Cohasset,	Chronic diarrhœa.
" 14	Elias Nichols,	87			"	Old age.
" 14	Rachael P. Worrick,	74	7	15	"	Pneumonia.

EDWARD H. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR 1869–70.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS, 34 SCHOOL STREET.
1870.

REPORT.

The School Committee of Cohasset hereby submit to the Town their Annual Report.

The most important change of the year in the management of the schools has been the entire abolition of the school districts and of the office of prudential committee, and the intrusting of the choosing of teachers and of the whole management of the schools to the superintending committee. The committee have for many years doubted whether there was any legal district system in the town; and when last spring they submitted the matter to the Secretary of the Board of Education, describing to him our school system as it then existed, an answer was returned from the assistant secretary confirming the opinion of the committee, and deciding that there were no legal districts in the town. The subject was presented to the town in the school report at the last March meeting; and the town voted, in order to remove any further question as to the matter, to abolish the district system. A short time afterwards a law was passed by the Massachusetts legislature to abolish the district system throughout the State.

This change has always been advocated by the most intelligent men who have given their thought to our common school system; and it will, without doubt, greatly increase the efficiency and usefulness of the schools which are affected by the change. It could not but be a disadvantage to have the schools managed by two sets of officers.

The prudential committee-men, on whom devolved the important duty of selecting the teachers, never, for the most part, visited the schools. They had little personal knowledge of the qualifications of teachers or of the wants of particular schools; and, liable as they were to change office every year, a really good and successful teacher could not always be sure of being continued in office

more than one year. It is true that the superintending committee must examine and approve all the teachers employed; yet they have always felt obliged to give certificates to all teachers who possessed the requisite literary qualifications, and gave evidence of having been tolerably successful as teachers, although they would not have selected them themselves, and when they knew of other teachers who could be procured better qualified, and who they believed would be much more useful and successful.

This has been really the greatest objection to the district system; but, practically, in this town it has been reduced to its smallest proportions, for there has always been a spirit of harmony and co-operation between the superintending and the prudential committees, and the latter, in many cases, have both consulted the former and been governed by their advice in selecting teachers. In consequence of this good understanding which has subsisted between the two committees, the town having regulated the schools for many years through the superintending committee, the continuance of the district system caused less injury than in most towns, and its abolition has been the occasion of less change.

In fact, there has been no change in the management of the schools, except that the committee have selected and contracted with all the teachers, and taken charge of the prudential affairs of all the schools.

The schools, as a whole, have been successful, although there have been different degrees of success. The art of teaching is an art that must be acquired, in general, only by long practice; and seldom does a teacher the first or second year attain to high excellence, except when one comes to the work with peculiar and unusual gifts. It has always been the policy of the committee to exercise great patience with teachers, especially when they are beginners in the work, to assist them to correct their mistakes, and to suggest to them those methods by which they may make improvements in the discipline and teaching of their schools. Teachers who fail of success the first year or two, by persistent industry and endeavor often become our best and most successful teachers. One of the causes most conducive to the improvement of our schools has been the continuance of the same teachers in charge of the same schools for a number of successive years.

It it true that a teacher may become indolent and neglectful of duty, presuming on past success, without any desire to improve or manifest enthusiasm in the work. In such a case, the sooner a change is made the better. But a true teacher becomes more efficient year by year, and is ever seeking new and improved methods, and rising to a higher and more comprehensive conception of the teacher's profession.

While all the schools at the closing examination gave evidence of much work having been done in them, and of good progress in learning having been made by most of the scholars, there were different degrees of success. Your committee will not, however, attempt to make comparisons, or to point out the peculiar excellences in the different schools.

But they noticed not only different degrees of general excellence in the various schools, but also that in some schools there were certain branches that seemed to have received especial attention, and to have been taught to better advantage than in others, showing how greatly teachers differ in their tastes and gifts, and how great an advantage it would be to have our children brought together in a large school where teachers especially qualified could be employed to teach those branches in which they are most interested and for the teaching of which they are especially fitted.

Thus, in some schools reading has received especial attention, and the children have been trained in that important part of school instruction very diligently and successfully. A very marked and gratifying improvement in reading was manifest at the closing examination in those of the schools.

Other teachers have done much in teaching their pupils to sing, thus adding much to the interest of their pupils in the school, affording them much innocent pleasure, and instructing them in an art which all children having the requisite natural ability should learn. It is to be hoped that the time may soon come when singing shall be introduced into all our schools, as it is in Germany, as an essential part of our common school education.

It might be well to employ some competent person to give instruction in singing to all the children in the town. But till that can be accomplished, it is desirable that all the teachers who can

should teach their scholars to sing, and that those who cannot should encourage their pupils to sing themselves if they have any children in their schools competent to lead the others.

In many of the schools, some of the children had learned pieces to recite at the closing examination. This was a very good exercise for the children, and added to the interest of the closing examination. But in one of the schools, the children repeated their pieces with great clearness, deliberation, and propriety, showing how much may be effected by careful training.

Arithmetic seems to have received a good degree of attention in all the schools; but some of the teachers have given to this branch of education especial attention. At the closing examination, some classes showed that they had been very thoroughly instructed in oral arithmetic. There were also classes in written arithmetic, especially in fractions, which appeared to have been very intelligently and thoroughly taught.

Some of the teachers have given a good deal of attention to the teaching of writing; and though this branch of education has been too much neglected in our schools, those teachers who have devoted to it proper attention have been able to exhibit very satisfactory results. In the schools of such teachers, the books of the scholars showed very creditable improvement.

Although so far as text-books are concerned the study of grammar has been discontinued in most of the schools except the high school, yet it has always been the intention and desire of the committee that grammar should be studied in all the grammar schools as an oral exercise. In one of the schools it was taught in this manner during the winter term, and at the closing examination the teacher gave the scholars an exercise which was very creditable to the school, and showed how easily and quickly the simple elements of grammar may be taught. It is recommended that such a method of instruction be pursued in all the grammar schools.

Gymnastic exercises have been introduced and regularly practised in many of the schools, adding much to the comfort and pleasure of the children, and to their interest in the school. It is to be hoped that they may be introduced and regularly practised in all the schools.

Although the whole care of the schools at the beginning of the school year devolved on the committee, and they were required to select and contract with the teachers, on account of the abolition of the district system, yet they made but few changes of teachers. In the Jerusalem school, Miss Sarah L. Pratt was engaged as teacher, who, although without previous experience, gave evidence at the closing examination that the school was in a good state, and that the children had made progress in learning.

Miss Carrie S. Pratt and Miss Martha A. Bates were continued in charge of the North schools, Miss Annie A. Souther of the Centre Primary, and Miss Myra L. Beal of the South Primary. Those schools have been taught with their usual success. The Centre Primary appeared to be in a very fine condition at the closing examination. The South Primary has been very large, and also in a very good condition. Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop, who had taught the South Grammar School with success for a number of years, resigned her position after the close of the summer term to become a pupil in the Salem Normal School. She was succeeded by Miss Elizabeth D. Tower, who has sustained the good condition of the school, securing good discipline, and carrying forward the classes in their studies without interruption.

There has also been a change in the Centre Grammar School. Miss Helen A. Bates was continued in the school which she had so successfully taught till the close of the fall term, when she resigned her position; and Miss Sarah T. Litchfield, of Scituate, who had the reputation of being a very efficient teacher, was employed to take her place. Although the school is not an easy school, Miss Litchfield has been successful in the management and instruction of it, and gives promise of future success.

Miss Elizabeth D. Tower was employed in the spring to take charge of the Beechwoods Grammar School. This was her first school, yet she conducted it very satisfactorily till the close of the summer term, when she resigned her position to take charge of the South School. Miss Harriet K. Ellms, who had before taught the school, was employed in her place. Her school, when visited, appeared well; and although the committee

were prevented from making a final examination of the school, owing to a violent storm on the day the school was to close, yet they have a favorable opinion of Miss Ellms' teaching and management of the school.

Mr. L. Webster Bates has taught the school during its winter term, and has seemed, when the school has been visited, to be conducting the school with his usual good success. As the term has not yet closed, there has been no final examination of the school.

Miss Georgianna Bates has been continued in charge of the Beechwoods Primary School through the year, and the school has seemed to be in a very prosperous condition under her wise and faithful teaching.

The High School was continued during part of the spring term under the charge of Mr. William E. Buck, who had brought the school into an excellent condition, and proved himself a faithful and efficient teacher. He, however, received an invitation to a more desirable position, and besides found his strength inadequate to the demands of so large a school, and felt that he should be obliged to leave on that account before the close of the year. He therefore resigned his position at the end of four weeks from the beginning of the term, and Mr. E. J. Caswell was employed to take his place. Mr. Caswell was a young man who had had little experience in teaching; but he has labored faithfully and diligently, and his pupils have in general made good progress in learning under his instruction. Miss M. Anna Rich has continued to act as assistant teacher, and by her devotedness to her work, and her increased experience, has performed her part of the work of the school with even more than her usual success.

Much has been accomplished in the high school during the year. All scholars who have attended the school regularly during the year, and have tried to learn, have made good progress. But owing to the peculiar constitution of the school, by which we feel obliged to admit children after they have arrived at a certain age, whether they are qualified or not, it includes scholars who would class better in the grammar schools; — some even who are not qualified to leave the primary schools. And a large proportion of those backward scholars who most need continuous instruction

are members of the school only for a few months in the year, and are often irregular in their attendance. They, of course, require a great deal of the time of the teachers which ought to be devoted to the teaching of the branches belonging appropriately to a high school; at the same time, there cannot be given to them the time and patient care which their condition demands. The only way to meet this difficulty is to have an intermediate school for the training of those scholars who are too old for the grammar schools, and not sufficiently advanced for the high school, or to have an additional assistant in the high school for four or five months whose whole time should be given to them.

It would add very much to the interest of the exercises in the high school if singing should be introduced and daily practised. To accomplish this, an instrument of music is greatly needed. A subscription was started last spring, and some money was raised by an exhibition of the children for the purchasing of such an instrument. Nearly one hundred dollars have been raised; and it is hoped that before many weeks the amount may be so increased that the instrument may be procured, and singing introduced into the school as a daily exercise. It is very desirable, also, that the pupils of this school may have regular instruction in singing.

In reviewing the general condition of the schools in the town, the committee find much ground for encouragement. The schools have been interrupted less than usual by sickness or bad weather. The different teachers have all labored faithfully, and according to their different gifts have showed excellence in teaching the various branches of learning. They deserve the sympathy and encouragement of the parents and friends of their pupils; and the more they can co-operate at home with them, the more pleasant and useful their work in the school will be. If parents would visit the schools more frequently, they would do much to encourage both teachers and pupils, and would also be better able to appreciate the labor and exertion necessary to the proper management of a school. The interest of children in the school and in their studies depends very much upon the sympathy and help they receive at home. Therefore, the more the importance of school

instruction is appreciated, and the more enthusiasm there is felt for the best education that can be given to the children, the more earnest and effective will be the work of our schools.

The time has come when more convenient rooms should be furnished for the Centre Grammar and Primary Schools. The room in which the Centre Grammar School is kept is of the same size and construction as those in which the North and South Schools were kept before the erection of the new houses for the use of those schools. At the same time the Centre School is usually larger than either of those schools, and needs a larger room. The room for the primary school, although convenient for a small school, is not large enough to accommodate comfortably the children at present belonging to the school. The grammar school-room has been for many years much too small for the accommodation of the school, some of the children being obliged to sit so near the stove as to cause them discomfort, and endanger their health; there are no convenient recitation seats, or opportunities for the free and convenient use of blackboards, and owing to the lowness and small size of the room it is difficult to ventilate it properly. These two rooms also are the only rooms in the town which have not been furnished with the improved seats and desks. It was the expectation after the other new school-houses were built that a school-house should be built for the Centre Schools. But during the years of the war, and since its close, when the expenses of the town were unusually large, it was not thought best to ask for the increased expenditure which a new building would cost. But now, after so long waiting, the town will not certainly hesitate to furnish school conveniences and accommodations for the children belonging to the Centre Schools equal to those furnished the children belonging to the other schools.

To do this, it is necessary that either a new school-house be built for the Centre Schools, or that the present house be much enlarged, improved, and furnished with new seats and desks.

The following table exhibits the statistics of the schools the past year: —

	Whole Number of Pupils.		Average Attendance.	
	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.
Jerusalem School	33	25	25	20
North Grammar School	39	35	30	29
North Primary "	34	34	19	23
Centre Grammar "	37	35	33	29
Centre Primary "	44	44	22	31
South Grammar "	36	32	25	24
South Primary "	43	49	34	37
Beechwoods Grammar School	41	42	23	35
Beechwoods Primary "	36	37	30	31
High School	86	84	53	56
	429	417	294	315

The committee propose no changes in the management of the schools, or in the appropriations for the different schools, except the increasing of the salaries of the primary school teachers from four and a half to five dollars per week. This increase will add to the expenses of teaching eighty dollars. The amount, then, that will be needed to pay the salaries of the teachers for the current year will be $3,391. Adding to this $436, the sum paid the last year for fuel, making fires, etc., the whole amount necessary for the support of the schools will be $3,827; and after making due allowance for other sources of income it will be necessary to raise $3,500 by tax.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
EDWARD TOWER,
LEVI N. BATES,
School Committee.

Cohasset, March 2, 1870.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN,

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 10, 1871,

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND TREASURER,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

BOSTON:
WRIGHT & POTTER, PRINTERS, 79 MILK STREET.
(CORNER OF FEDERAL.)
1871.

At a legal meeting of the Voters of the Town, held March 1st, 1870,—

Voted, that the Financial Report be printed and distributed, by direction of the Selectmen, in the month of February, next.

EDWARD TOWER,

Town Clerk.

REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

High School.

Teacher's salary,	$1000 00
Assistant teacher's salary,	350 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	46 50
Lincoln & Collier, care of rooms and making fires,	8 00
Doane & Collier, " " " " " "	19 38
C. T. Collier, " " " " " "	16 62
A. L. Palmer, wood,	9 87
Ezra Towle, 2d, "	4 00
	$1,454 37

Jerusalem School.

Teacher's salary,	$300 00
Welcome Beal, paid making fires,	12 00
" " & Co., wood — sawing, splitting, and housing,	29 50
David Beal, wood and sawing,	5 75
" " "	3 50
	$350 75

North School.

Teacher's salary, Grammar,	$300 00
" " Primary,	240 00
Tower and Doane, making fires,	12 00
A. H. Tower, wood,	31 50
Ezra Towle, 2d, carting wood,	1 00
Benjamin F. Morse, sawing wood,	3 00

George P. Fox, sawing, splitting, and housing wood, .	13 50
A. L. Palmer, wood, ...	3 00
Edward Mann, sawing, splitting, and housing wood, .	6 00
	$610 00

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Teacher's salary, Grammar, ...	$300 00
" " Primary, ...	240 00
E. B. Studley, sawing and splitting wood, . . .	3 00
A. H. Tower, wood, ...	3 00
" " " Jr., coal, ...	36 42
Franklin Bates, making fires, ...	12 00
	$594 42

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Teacher's salary, Grammar, ...	$300 00
Teacher's salary, Primary, ...	240 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal, ...	28 50
Willie F. Tilden, making fires, ...	8 70
Caleb J. Nichols, wood, ...	3 00
A. L. Palmer, wood, ...	5 75
	$585 95

BEACHWOOD SCHOOL.

Teacher's salary, Grammar, (Summer term), . .	$150 00
" " " (Winter "), . .	210 00
" " Primary, ...	240 00
Silas Bates, wood, ...	12 00
Lot Bates, wood, ...	19 75
Robert H. Reed, sawing wood, ...	12 00
John W. Bates, 2d, wood, ...	25 00
L. Webster Bates, sawing, splitting, and housing wood,	8 00
H. M. & E. E. Bates, care of house, ...	4 00
J. H. Morgan, making fires, ...	12 00
	$692 75

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

High-School Rooms.

Norcross, Mellen & Co., water-tanks,	$5 12
J. L. Hammett, drawing-charts,	9 75
Mrs. Lyons and Mulehi, cleaning,	3 57
Samuel Bates, pails, brooms, dippers, &c.,	6 10
Samuel D. Tower, glazing, &c.,	6 50
Calkins & Pitman, printing,	5 00
F. B. Austin & Co., screws,	3 14
E. E. Ellms, crayons, &c.,	7 90
C. A. Gross, brooms,	1 99
Martin N. Bates, repairs,	7 16
Edward Tower, keys,	40
Lewis Willcutt, 2d, repairs,	75
	$57 38

Beachwood School-House.

Howard Pratt, brooms, pails, &c., 1868, '69, and '70,	$3 16
Ezra Brown, " " "	1 19
L. Webster Bates, cleaning,	6 00
E. E. Ellms, crayons, ink, &c.,	3 30
Charles H. Wood, water,	1 00
	$14 65

South School-House.

William O. Haskell & Sons, settees,	$6 75
Norcross, Mellen & Co., water-tank,	2 55
Samuel D. Tower, glazing, &c.,	1 63
Samuel Bates, repairing stove, &c.,	6 87
E. E. Ellms, crayons, ink, &c.,	7 04
C. A. Gross, brooms,	88
	$25 72

Centre School-House.

Samuel Bates, stove, funnel, &c.,	$42 05
E. E. Ellms, brooms, crayons, ink, &c.,	6 54
	$48 59

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

South Shore R.R., freight,	$16 53
John A. Robertson, brackets,	1 28
Joseph L. Ross, teacher's desk,	18 00
Rufus Bates, Jr., labor,	15 00
Lewis Willcutt, 2d, labor,	122 25
Levi L. Nichols, labor,	114 00
J. L. Hammett, furniture,	428 80
Samuel Nichols, labor and carting sand,	128 48
Samuel Bates, hardware, &c.,	30 31
E. N. Barker, painting,	39 75
Ezra Towle, 2d, gravel,	5 00
Philip Fox, labor,	33 00
J. W. Bailey, doors, sashes, and blinds,	19 00
Cohasset Central Cemetery, white lead,	2 85
E. G. Morrison, one centre,	2 00
Mrs. Mulvey, cleaning,	1 40
Jane McCarthy, "	1 40
S. J. Hayden, "	1 50
F. J. Damon, iron work,	4 00
C. A. Gross, paints, oils, &c.,	24 40
E. E. Ellms, hardware,	16 32
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber, brick, lime, and nails,	355 09
	$1,380 36

NORTH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Martin N. Bates, repairs,	$3 60
Samuel Bates, broom and dipper,	72
E. N. Barker, glazing,	70
E. E. Ellms, crayons, ink, &c.,	9 58
	$14 60

JERUSALEM SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Samuel D. Tower, glazing,	$3 50
Welcome Beal & Co., crayons, pail, &c.,	3 07
E. E. Ellms, crayons, ink, &c.,	3 04
	$9 61

TOWN HALL.

Lewis Willcutt 2d, labor,	$0 75
Levi L. Nichols, labor,	75
Samuel Bates, repairing pump, &c.,	2 24
S. D. Tower, glazing,	2 75
L. N. Lincoln, hall when used free,	7 00
" " making fires, and care of Selectmen's Room,	8 00
	$21 49

PRINTING.

N. B. Tower, tax bills, voting-list, &c.,	$91 75
Andrews Brothers, Town reports,	78 40
Alfred Mudge & Son, School Committee reports,	29 40
	$199 55

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

Thomas Russell, oration,	$75 00
Lamprell & Marble, decorations,	212 00
J. E. Maynard, barouches,	90 00
N. Ripley, "	20 00
George Cushing, "	10 00
Jesse C. Hayden, frame for whale boat,	28 00
T. M. Smith, carriages, dinners, boarding men, &c.,	553 51
J. M. W. Yerrinton, reporting speeches, &c.,	25 00
Boston Journal, printing notices,	1 50
Boston Post, " "	2 50
Calvin Merriam, cloth,	5 21
J. B. Batchelder, printing cards, &c.,	16 50
Levi N. Bates, paid for distributing programmes,	1 00
Daniel B. Lincoln, care of guns,	3 00
Harrison Henry, horses for guns,	2 50
E. E. Ellms, powder and flannel,	71 12
Sawins' Express, transporting guns,	12 00
Joseph Smith, horses and driving,	5 00
S. C. Perkins, and others, music, expenses, &c.,	57 50
Lewis Willcutt, 2d, labor on tables,	12 00
Newcomb Bates, labor at church,	5 00
C. A. Willard, cambric,	1 20

Levi L. Nichols, labor on tables,	7 50
A. T. Prouty, labor on boat,	3 00
Wright & Potter, printing, preparing, and distributing reports,	261 03
D. W. Pratt, glazing dining-room,	3 00
L. N. Lincoln, labor on floor, tables, poles, guns, &c.,	17 00
S. N. Lincoln, " " " " " "	14 25
D. S. G. Doane, horse,	1 00
Ezra Towle 2d, carting settees from church,	3 00
Warren Simpson, drummer,	5 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., use of lumber,	56 08
F. J. Damon, iron for guns,	2 00
	$1,582 40

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

William W. Studley, steward,	$20 00
Thirty-five engine-men, poll taxes,	70 00
Thomas M. Smith, use of horses,	2 50
D. W. Pratt, glazing,	1 00
John McCormick, watching fires,	3 00
John Souther, " " &c.,	7 00
George P. Fox, " "	3 00
Levi L. Worrick, Jr., " "	3 00
E. E. Ellms, oil, mugs, and refreshments,	15 75
Samuel Bates, door-knobs, chimneys, and nails,	59
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber for tables,	7 87
C. A. Gross, spittoons,	1 35
	$135 06

REMOVING SNOW FROM STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

L. L. Worrick, Jr., and others,	$108 90
Isaac Phinney,	3 17
Warren Bates, 2d, and others,	66 02
Lot Willcutt and others,	72 67
Warren Willcutt and others,	64 83
Josiah Mann,	2 33
A. Whittington and others,	5 67
Nathaniel Prouty,	1 00
Caleb Beal, Jr., and others,	108 50

L. N. Lincoln,	17 00
Martin Lincoln and others,	25 46
Caleb Lincoln and others,	24 50
Joseph J. Silvia,	2 25
Thomas Bates and others,	18 00
Isaac S. Pratt and others,	48 49
Adna Bates,	2 33
David Beal and others,	15 00
John W. Bates, 2d,	29 09
T. M. Smith, and repairing plough,	71 75
William Souther,	82
Samuel Nichols and others,	6 00
Samuel Williams,	1 50
Lewis Lincoln,	3 00
A. H. Tower,	2 08
A. L. Palmer,	2 00
D. S. G. Doane,	6 50
Andrew J. Prouty,	1 16
W. W. Studley,	2 00
Waldo C. Locke,	2 50
Warren Nichols and others,	35 33
Samuel N. Lincoln,	9 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop,	6 00
	$764 85

FLAG-STAFF.

Michael Brennock, labor,	$15 00
Southward Pratt, "	24 00
Joseph St. Johns, "	6 00
James Stoddard, "	36 75
C. A. Gross, paint and oil,	6 58
A. H. Tower, Jr., rigging,	9 78
	$98 11

STREET SIGNS.

H. A. Wheelwright, posts,	$4 00
D. W. Whitcomb, "	1 50
John N. Cook, labor,	3 00
Samuel Bates, screws,	1 20
T. M. Smith, teaming, &c.,	11 50
	$21 20

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

John Brennock,	$3 00	John Cronican,	$90 00
A. W. Hayden, Jr.,	31 00	Charles L. Rich,	1 75
James Brennock,	5 00	H. D. Wilson,	12 60
W. H. Wilkins,	8 00	D. S. G. Doane,	6 75
Nathaniel Prouty,	6 00	Caleb Beal, Jr.,	25 00
M. Haskell,	4 00	Isaiah Lincoln,	2 00
Levi L. Minot,	45 00	Thomas Williams,	1 50
William H. Stewart,	4 00	C. F. B. Tilden,	5 00
George Smith,	1 50	Alex. Hamilton,	10 00
Samuel Thayer,	10 00	Joseph F. Ennice,	8 00
Edward Bates,	4 25	George M. Ennice,	15 00
William F. Thayer,	139 75	Thomas Gracia,	7 00
Moses Lincoln,	31 00	J. Breck & Son,	7 19
James H. Pratt,	4 00	A. Gardner,	18 00
S. G. James,	15 00	Alfred Haskell,	8 00
Lot Willcutt,	84 50	Thomas Murphy,	11 50
Lewis Bates,	2 50	Ephraim M. Couilard,	2 00
Walter S. Beal,	18 50	Henry Nichols,	3 00
Silas Bates,	7 50	Adna Bates,	20 00
Henry Williston,	2 00	Joseph Smith,	24 50
Francis L. Bates,	22 50	Warren Bates, 2d,	56 00
Edwin Bates,	18 75	Joseph Brown,	2 00
D. W. Whitcomb,	14 50	L. L. Worrick, Jr.,	36 75
Horace J. Damon,	3 00	Thomas Kinsley,	4 50
James Rooney,	2 00	Caleb J. Nichols,	49 00
Aaron Pratt,	9 00	Thomas Smith,	39 00
William Souther,	18 00	Richard Wells,	15 00
Lot Bates,	40 50	Charles F. Tilden,	8 34
Robert T. Burbank,	10 00	Z. L. Beal,	5 25
Samuel Nichols,	30 50	Ezekiel Bates,	15 00
Ezra Towle,	22 50	Samuel Bates,	3 75
A. Whittington,	6 50	Stephen Litchfield,	15 00
Ephraim Lincoln, Jr.,	5 00	Caleb Lincoln,	64 00
Charles B. Burbank,	13 00	Henry Snow,	10 00
Isaac S. Pratt,	12 00	Alden Simmons,	5 75
John Francis,	2 00	John Taylor, Jr.,	5 00
Galen James,	37 25	Charles F. Wells,	24 00
Warren Nichols,	94 75	Asa Howard,	8 00
James Beal,	6 00	Francis Litchfield,	6 00
Peter C. Kimball,	15 00	Martin Lincoln & team,	176 00

Alms-house keeper and team,	$125 25	Thomas Whitcomb,	3 50
T. M. Smith,	23 00	Rufus Bates, Jr.,	37 00
Timothy W. Brown,	18 25	J. Q. A. Lothrop,	30 00
Thomas Lincoln,	20 00	L. N. Lincoln,	42 00
Samuel Lincoln,	90 00	Martin Lincoln, team and hand,	105 00
J. W. Bates, 2d,	9 20		
			$2,139 58
		Deduct for Alms-house,	125 25
			$2,014 33

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Trustees Hingham and Quincy Bridges,	$361 87
Michael Sweeney, getting gravel,	63 00
T. M. Smith, horse-hire, services, and entertainment for Commissioners on Hingham and Quincy bridges,	44 00
Isaac Kent, repairs on Mill bridge,	14 37
Leander W. Groce, gravel,	6 70
A. H. Tower, gravel and scow,	36 00
Omar Binney, gravel,	25 00
Alden Beal, stock for railing,	1 80
D. W. Whitcomb, removing ledge, Beachwood St.,	145 00
Isaiah Lincoln, gravel,	20 00
Jos. Smith, services and expenses on H. & Q. bridges,	5 00
Chas. H. Smith, " " " "	5 00
Peter C. Kimball, " " " "	5 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, " " " "	110 00
Martin Lincoln, " " " "	20 00
L. N. Lincoln, " " " "	45 00
Philip Fox, railing Jerusalem Street,	24 50
S. J. Beal, services and expenses on H. & Q. bridges,	25 00
Luther Briggs, maps and services on " "	30 00
Ezekiel Bates, gravel,	14 76
C. A. Gross, powder and fuse,	3 17
Paid Commissioners and Counsel, in part,	507 00
Moses Lincoln, gravel,	9 60
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber, Jerusalem St. and Mill bridge,	44 64
Est. James Collier, wharfage for gravel,	15 00
Thomas Smith, gravel,	9 80

Martin Lincoln and others, Beachwood ledges,	60 00
Lot Bates, Beachwood ledge,	27 00
	$1,678 21

WIDENING BROOK STREET.

Eleazer James, land damage,	$115 00
John McCormick, labor,	1 50
Philip Fox, labor,	4 50
Levi L. Nichols, labor,	4 50
Lewis Willcutt, 2d, labor	4 50
Samuel Lincoln, "	31 00
Waldo C. Locke, stone,	8 00
Alms-house keeper and team,	12 25
Thomas Smith, man and team,	23 50
John Cronican, labor,	41 00
Rufus Bates, Jr., labor,	10 00
A. L. Palmer, labor,	23 50
Martin Lincoln, labor and team,	68 00
L. N. Lincoln, "	30 00
Josiah Munn, "	1 50
	$378 75
Deduct for Alms-house,	12 25
	$366 50

GREEN-HILL STREET.

Levi L. Worrick, Jr., labor,	$4 00
Samuel N. Lincoln, "	8 00
Warren Nichols, "	8 00
A. A. Blaney and team,	10 50
John Cronicon,	10 00
Martin Lincoln and team,	29 00
	$69 50
Deduct for Alms-house,	10 50
	$59 00

STATE AID.

Amount paid to Soldiers and Families from Feb. 1st, 1870, to Feb. 1st, 1871,	$882 80

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State Tax, 1870,	$3,125 00
County Tax, "	1,377 59
	$4,502 59

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Edward E. Ellms,	$70 03

ABATEMENTS MADE BY ASSESSORS.

For the year 1861,	$ 97
" " " 1863,	15 89
" " " 1864,	31 25
" " " 1865,	47 77
" " " 1866,	38 79
" " " 1867,	68 79
" " " 1868,	68 26
" " " 1869,	190 19
" " " 1870,	439 07
	$900 98

TOWN OFFICERS.

Joseph Osgood, School Committee,	$60 00
Edward Tower, " "	35 00
Levi N. Bates, " "	28 50
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, Selectmen,	60 00
" " " " services and expenses on State Aid,	21 00
" " " " " Assessor,	100 00

Martin Lincoln, services,	Selectmen, ...	40	00
" " "	on State Aid, . . .	6	00
" " "	Assessor, ...	100	00
L. N. Lincoln, "	Selectmen, . . .	40	00
" " " "	on State Aid, . . .	6	00
" " " "	Assessor, . . .	100	00
Edward Tower, "	Town Clerk, . . .	50	00
A. H. Tower, Jr., "	Treasurer and Collector,	200	00
		$846	50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lothrop & Tilden, distributing Selectmen's Reports, .	$2	50
W. R. Collier, distributing School Reports, . .	2	50
Thomas Bates, carting sand, and labor on highways for 1869, ...	11	00
State Nautical School, for Nichols & Mulchi, . .	40	92
L. N. Lincoln, commission on taxes, ...	17	79
William Reed & Son, hardware, ...	4	50
C. A. Gross, stationery, ...	3	99
Edward Tower, stationery and postage, . . .	13	77
Edward Tower, registering births, marriages, and deaths, ...	26	75
T. M. Smith, horse hire, School Committee, . .	31	50
" " horse hire, Selectmen and County Commissioners, ...	23	25
T. M. Smith, ...	1	25
" " horse keeping, and meals for State Police,	14	00
" " entertainment County Commissioners, Selectmen, and Assessors, ...	35	50
T. M. Smith, horse hire, Town Clerk, ...	3	00
David W. Whitcomb, highways, 1869, . . .	3	50
Robert T. Burbank, " " . . .	7	00
Omar Binney, by a vote of the town, ...	50	00
Little, Brown & Co., books, ...	10	50
Samuel Bates, lock, town pound, ...		20
Beals' Express, ...	15	60
Wm. B. Taylor, highways, 1869, ...	1	00
Philip Fox, drills, 1869, ...	3	50

L. N. Lincoln, town meetings,	10 00
" " posting warrants and other notices,	10 00
" " services as Constable and Truant officer,	21 00
" " services under the dog law,	3 50
D. S. G. Doane, services as Constable and Truant officer,	14 25
D. S. G. Doane, repairs on town clock,	5 00
Ezra Towle, 2d, return of deaths,	2 40
Newcomb Bates, care town clock and ringing bell,	30 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., recording deed, books, &c.,	5 75
L. N. Lincoln, notifying town officers,	5 50
" " services and expenses as committee,	25 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, " " "	25 00
Martin Lincoln, " " "	25 00
	$505 92

RECAPITULATION.

Support of schools	$4,288 24
Expenditures on school-houses,	1,550 91
Town Hall,	21 49
Printing,	199 55
Centennial Celebration,	1,582 40
Fire Department,	135 06
Removing snow,	764 85
Flag-staff,	98 11
Street signs,	21 20
Repairs on highways,	2,014 33
Roads and bridges,	1,678 21
Widening Brook Street,	366 50
Green Hill Street,	59 00
State Aid,	882 80
State and County tax,	4,502 59
School-books,	70 03
Abatements,	900 98
Town officers,	846 50
Miscellaneous,	505 92
Orders to Overseers of the Poor,	3,906 92
Amount of orders drawn by the Selectmen,	$24,395 59

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1871.

Amount of Funded Debt, old issue, 1858.

Cohasset Savings Bank, five notes due in 1871, '72, '73, '74, '75, ...	$5,000 00

Amount of Funded Debt issued 1863.

Cohasset Savings Bank, five notes due April 1st, 1876, '77, '78, '79, '80, ...	5,000 00
Henry Doane, two notes, due April 1st, 1871, '72, .	1,000 00
Levi Lincoln, one note, due April 1st, 1873, . .	500 00
Calvin Merriam, " " " 1874, . .	500 00
Est. Newcomb Bates, one note, due April 1st, 1875, .	500 00
	$12,500 00

Demand Notes outstanding Feb. 10, 1871.

Cohasset Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Jan. 1st, 1870, .	$ 600 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, July 5th, 1870, . . .	2,000 00
" " " Feb. 7th, 1871, . . .	4,000 00
Amount of funded debt, ...	12,500 00
	$19,100 00
Decrease of interest-paying debt, ...	$2,250 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1871.

Amount due from State for State Aid, . . .	$ 962 30
" " " balance, ...	670 75
" " " State paupers, . .	1,053 59
" " John J. Lothrop, ...	424 08
" " Hull, for schooling, . . .	100 00
" " Town of Scituate, ...	39 39
" " " Abington, . . .	15 64
" " " Truro, ...	32 99
" " Bourne & Nickerson, . . .	48 74
" " Henry Nichols, ...	2 88
Amount in the Treasury, Feb. 10th, 1871, . . .	514 47
Amount due from Hingham & Quincy, bridges, .	450 00
	$4,314 83

Amount of interest-paying debt,	$19,100 00
Deduct assets of the town,	4,314 83
Actual debt,	$14,785 17

Respectfully submitted.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
MARTIN LINCOLN,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1871.

ALMS-HOUSE ACCOUNT. *Dr.*

To stock on hand Feb. 1st, 1870,	$1,783 92
Ripley & Newhall, coffins and robes,	43 50
Thomas A. Bates, repairs, 1869,	2 50
Caleb F. Nichols, groceries,	43 72
A. A. Blaney, salary,	312 50
J. W. Davis, seed potatoes,	1 50
A. A. Blaney, cash paid for pigs,	29 00
Henry Williston, filing saws,	75
C. A. Gross, grain and groceries,	60 76
David W. Whitcomb, sled repaired,	8 00
Howard Pratt, groceries,	14 07
Charles H. Willard, groceries,	61 59
M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries,	73 94
William Souther, labor,	2 00
Lot Bates, labor,	5 00
Levi L. Worrick, 3d, labor,	31 87
Charles B. Burbank, killing hogs,	1 50
C. G. Beal & Co., groceries,	60 77
Calvin Merriam, groceries and grain,	106 35
George Hunt, bread,	7 70
L. L. Wheelwright, fish,	8 35
Mrs. Burbank, sewing, and eggs,	1 68
Massachusetts Ploughman,	2 50
Samuel Bates, stove, funnel, and tin ware,	30 77
Bourne & Nickerson, beef,	61 28

Charles L. Rich, blacksmithing, &c.,	6 70
Welcome Beal & Co., groceries,	35 61
Alson S. Richardson, fish and lobsters,	4 59
Royal Whitton, Jr., standing wood,	12 50
Galen James,	1 00
Ephraim Snow, mackerel,	3 00
Philander Bates, shoes,	4 15
A. T. Prouty, groceries and fish,	5 92
Charles F. Tilden, blacksmithing,	1 75
Rosa Valine, labor,	6 00
Mrs. Souther, nursing,	2 00
Mrs. Williston, "	1 00
F. J. Damon, shoeing, &c.,	20 50
E. E. Ellms, groceries and medicine,	14 48
R. T. Burbank, making cider,	3 15
James W. Nichols, apples, &c.,	16 44
J. P. T. Percival, medicine,	3 50
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	12 00
David W. Whitcomb, undertaking,	5 00
Ezra Towle, 2d, "	4 00
L. Webster Bates, beef,	2 06
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal and water barrel,	36 25
Overseers Poor, services,	45 00
Beal's Express,	3 35
Town of Pembroke, to care of Job Wheelwright,	2 50
	$3,008 02

STOCK AT THE ALMS-HOUSE, FEB. 1st, 1871.

			Cr.
1 Farm Wagon,	$85 00	1 Pump,	5 00
1 Horse Cart,	80 00	Lot Manure,	35 00
1 Covered Wagon,	65 00	1 Horse,	250 00
1 Hay "	8 00	2 Cows,	200 00
1 Horse Sled,	12 00	17 Hens,	12 00
1 Sleigh,	15 00	6 tons English Hay,	180 00
1 Cart Harness,	22 00	½ " Creek "	6 00
1 Wagon "	15 00	7 cords Hard Wood,	45 50
3 Ploughs,	15 00	4 " Pine "	20 00
1 Harrow,	6 00	1 ton Coal,	10 00
1 Grindstone,	2 00	20 Cedar Posts,	10 00

Farm and Pump Chains,	11 00	Spices and Boxes,	4 50
Farming Tools,	39 50	1 Churn,	2 50
Carpenter "	4 50	75 lbs. Ham,	15 00
Lumber,	2 00	12 " W. Sugar,	1 80
Paint Brush,	1 00	3 bbls. Apples,	6 00
Meal and Bags,	3 00	Basket and Traps,	3 00
Saws, Axes and Hatchet,	10 00	60 gals. Cider,	10 00
300 lbs. Pork,	51 00	75 lbs. Salt Fish,	5 25
½ bbl. Beef,	14 00	18 " Nails,	90
30 lbs. Fresh Pork,	5 00	2 Silver Spoons,	3 50
10 " Tallow,	1 00	4 Stoves and Fixtures,	130 00
70 " Lard,	14 70	Pails, Dippers & Plates,	4 00
45 " Butter,	21 60	24 Empty Barrels,	6 00
½ bbl. Flour,	5 00	Beds and Bedding,	222 00
4 lbs. Tea,	4 00	Furniture,	56 50
22 bush. Potatoes,	27 50	35 lbs. Mackerel,	2 80
1 bbl. Roots,	3 00	6 yds. Sheeting,	1 00
10 Beef and Pork Casks,	12 50	1 Apple-Paring Machine,	1 00
Tubs, Wringer, Baskets, &c.,	14 00	3 Cider Barrels,	4 50
		1 Lantern,	1 25
Tin, Earthen, and Stone Ware,	50 00	6 lbs. Soap,	72
		10 yds. Print,	1 25
Molasses and Keg,	3 25		
			$1,859 52

ALMS-HOUSE ACCOUNT OF SALES AND LABOR.

	Cr.
44 days on highways and roads, team and man,	$148 00
James W. Nichols, butter and eggs,	8 61
Standing wood sold,	5 00
Henry Nichols, milk,	2 88
T. M. Smith, hay,	147 15
William Clapp, hay,	87 66
A. T. Prouty, butter,	7 92
J. Q. A. Lothrop, butter,	20 40
A. S. Richardson, "	17 22
Bourne & Nickerson, calves and pork,	70 54
	$515 38

Amount of sales,	$515 38
" " Stock on hand,	1,859 52
	$2,374 90

Debt brought forward, ...	$3,008 02
Credit " "	2,374 90
Alms-house Debtor to the balance, .	$633 12

Expenses of Inmates at the Alms-house 276 weeks, at 2.29\frac{23}{25}$ per week, amounts to $633.12.

REPAIRS ON ALMS-HOUSE.

Zaccheus Rich, labor and stock, ...	$266 82
Daniel W. Pratt, painting, ...	46 80
Samuel Bates, hardware, ...	22 47
Alex. W. Hayden, labor, ...	20 60
C. A. Gross, paints and oils, ...	34 52
T. M. Smith, teaming, ...	13 50
H. W. Beal, expressing, ...	2 30
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber, ...	154 62
Overseers of the Poor, services, ...	15 00
	$576 63

SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMS-HOUSE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1871.

Dr.

Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for David Willcutt, .	$210 61
" " " " " Josephine E. Bates, .	187 09
" " " " " John J. Lothrop, .	207 50
" " " " " Elizabeth J. Dady .	195 54

Assistance to Mrs. Lambert.

William Hayden, sawing wood, . . .	$ 1 50	
Chas. H. Willard, groceries, . . .	10 40	
Bourne & Nickerson, beef, ...	3 86	$15 76

Assistance to Mrs. Charlotte White and Son.

Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, ...	$60 00	
Mrs. Haskell and Litchfield, nursing, . .	3 00	
Mary A. Anderson, " . .	5 00	
Zaccheus Rich, coffin and robe, . . .	20 00	
Ezra Towle, 2d, undertaker, . . .	7 00	
Henry W. Beal, expressing, . . .	1 00	$96 00

Assistance to Josiah Mann.

C. F. Nichols, groceries,	$9 59	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	8 00	
C. A. Gross, groceries,	19 00	
E. E. Ellms, medicine,	2 80	$39 39

Assistance to Mrs. Pearson.

C. F. Nichols, groceries,	$24 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., flour and coal,	18 50	$42 50

Assistance to Mary G. Brook.

Ezra Brown, groceries,	$14 20	
Howard Pratt, "	13 19	
Lot Bates, wood,	12 50	
E. E. Ellms, medicine,	2 80	$42 69

Assistance to Mrs. Frank Smith.

Ezra Brown, groceries,	$21 09	
Lot Bates, wood,	2 50	$23 59

Assistance to J. P. Wheelwright.

Howard Pratt, groceries,	$111 08	
Edwin Bates, hay,	3 00	$114 08

Assistance to Mrs. McCloud.

M. B. Stetson & Co., flour and wood,	$12 75
Paid Mrs. John Tyrer, for board of Joseph Wilson,	9 00

Assistance to John Tyrer.

M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries,	$30 00	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	30 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., groceries and coal,	30 59	$90 59

Assistance to John Willcutt.

Lewis Lincoln, wood,	$8 00	
Calvin Merriam, groceries,	40 59	
Robert T. Burbank, wood,	18 00	$66 59

Assistance to David Vinal.

Calvin Merriam, groceries,	$110 00	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	4 00	$114 00

Assistance to Jessie Tower.

Calvin Merriam, groceries,	$121 00	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	4 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	19 00	$144 00

Assistance to Isabella Silvia.

Bourne & Nickerson, beef,	$13 88	
Ephraim Snow, flour,	8 00	
C. F. Nichols, flour,	10 00	
M. B. Stetson, wood,	4 50	
E. E. Ellms, medicine,	4 70	
A. H. Tower, Jr., groceries and fuel,	47 64	$88 72

Assistance to Reuben Ryder, Jr.

Solomon J. Hayden, sawing wood,	$ 1 80	
A. H. Tower, Jr., wood and coal,	6 75	
C. A. Gross, groceries,	24 44	$32 99

Assistance to Mrs. Joseph Root.

C. G. Beal & Co., groceries,	$71 16	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal and wood,	13 70	$84 86

City of Boston to Sarah P. Joy,	$46 13
" " Elizabeth J. Nichols,	34 13
" " Eunice Sterling,	67 50
C. H. Willard to J. Phinney,	20 00
H. G. Thompson to E. B. Gilbert,	10 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal to Mrs. Thompson,	5 95
" " " Mrs. John Mulney,	9 25
Overseers of Poor, services and expenses,	80 00
	$2,091 21

Cr.

By amount due from John J. Lothrop,	$207 50	
" " " Elizabeth J. Dady,	195 54	
" " " City of Boston,	96 00	
" " " Town of Scituate,	39 39	
" " " " Truro,	32 99	
" " " State,	197 50	$768 92
Outside expenses Dr. to balance,		$1,322 29

Respectfully submitted.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOT BATES,
CALEB BEAL, Jr.,
Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate, May 1st, 1870,		$943,328 00
" personal " "		823,032 00
Total valuation,		$1,766,360 00
No. of polls May 1st, 1870,	564	
Tax on polls and estates,		$24,374 25
Rate per cent. on $1,000 00,	$13 00	
No. of dwelling-houses May 1st, 1870,	449	
" horses " "	151	
" cows,	213	
" sheep,	245	
" acres of land taxed,	5,950½	
" families,	510	
Population, May 1st, 1870,	2,130	
No. of males,	1,009	
No. of females,	1,121	

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED THE ENSUING YEAR.

For Payment of Debt,	$1,500 00
" " " Interest,	1,500 00
" Discount on Taxes,	1,000 00
" Support of the Poor,	2,000 00
" Roads and Bridges	600 00
" Removing Snow,	800 00
" Repairs on School-Houses,	300 00
" Support of Schools,	4,000 00
" Repairs of Highways,	2,000 00
" Town Officers,	800 00
" Bills Outstanding, Printing, and Fire Department,	500 00
" Miscellaneous,	500 00
	$15,500 00

VALUE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall,	$14,000 00
Engine, and House,	2,000 00
Centre School-House,	2,500 00
South " "	2,800 00
North " "	2,500 00
Beachwood School-House,	2,500 00
Jerusalem " "	1,200 00
Town Clock "	300 00
Town Farm, and Stock,	5,500 00
Ripley Fund,	1,000 00
	$34,300 00

LIST OF PERSONS WHO PAY A TAX OF $100, AND UPWARDS.

Jonathan B. Bates,	$126 83	Ephraim Snow,	256 29
Est. Newcomb Bates,	121 99	Thomas Smith,	113 75
Heirs Henry Bryant,	2,848 47	Thomas M. Smith,	125 23
John Bates,	1,097 30	Morgan B. Stetson,	114 10
John W. Bates,	184 53	Est. William D. Sohier,	1,401 25
Washington Brown,	113 47	George O. Sears,	132 77
James Collier,	160 25	A. H. Tower, Jr.	184 65
Eleazer James,	120 66	Edward E. Tower,	592 80
William B. Johnson,	318 38	A. H. Tower,	575 76
Martin Lincoln,	113 65	Est. Martin Bates,	261 37
Daniel T. Lothrop,	244 30	G. T. W. Braman,	105 30
Zenas D. Lincoln,	118 20	Edward Cunningham,	210 76
J. P. T. Percival,	323 57	Samuel Kneeland,	122 20
Sarah and Harriet Pratt,	107 90	Francis J. Parker,	123 99
William Parker,	703 52	South Shore Railroad,	204 10
T. Henry Perkins,	226 21	And. C. Wheelwright,	158 15
Est. George Ripley,	293 15	Sarah Wheelwright,	317 12
Thomas Richardson,	235 51		

Dr. TOWN OF COHASSET, IN ACCOUNT WITH A. H. TOWER, Jr., Treasurer. *Cr.*

1870-71.		1870-71.	
To paid Selectmen's orders drawn to date,	$14,229 22	By balance in Treasury from former account,	$1,509 54
Appropriation for school teaching,	3,880 00	rec'd of State Treasurer, on acct. Coöperation Tax,	1,575 83
Abatement of sundry taxes by assessors,	900 98	" " " " " State Aid,	700 00
State Aid to soldiers' families	882 80	" " " " Income School Fund,	226 34
Discount on taxes collected to Sept. 1, 1870,	1,225 82	" " County Treasurer, for Dog Licenses, 1870,	119 21
State Tax for 1870,	3,125 00	" " " " discount on Co. tax, 1870,	20 66
County Tax for 1870,	1,377 59	" " City of Boston, supplies to Mrs. White & son,	96 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due April 1, 1870,	1,000 00	" " Town of Scituate, for support of paupers,	34 50
Lewis Willcutt, " " April 1, 1870,	500 00	" " " Marshfield, supplies, S. T. Sherman,	21 37
Hingham Ins. for Sav's, two demand notes in full,	3,500 00	" " " " on acct. H. & Q Bridges,	36 37
Cohasset Savings Bank, demand note of Feb. 1, 1870,	2,500 90	" " J. J. Lothrop, on acct. his son's support,	102 00
Morgan B. Stetson, demand note of Jan. 22, 1870,	750 00	" " James Dady, for support of his wife, in full,	321 60
Cohasset Savings Bank, for hired money,	3,000 00	" " Town of Hull, for schooling of children,	117 26
Interest on Town's notes,	1,363 86	" " Cohasset Sav's Bank, interest Ripley Fund,	60 00
	$38,235 27	" " Louis N. Lincoln, income Town Hall,	32 00
Balance in Treasury to new account,	514 47	" " Mary L. Binney, for land,	25 00
		" " J. L. Hammett, freight on school furniture,	12 85
		" " Thos. M. Smith, for hay from Alms-House,	147 15
		" " W. Clapp, " " "	87 66
		" " Welcome Beal & Co., sundries "	17 22
		" " Bourne & Nickerson, " "	21 80
		" " J. Q. A. Lothrop, for butter "	20 40
		" " A. T. Prouty, " "	7 92
		" " A. A. Blaney, for wood "	5 00
		" " Charles Pratt, for windows "	1 50
		" " F. J. Damon, for old account, "	7 50
		" " Thomas Bates, for labor,	7 00
		" " Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money,	9,000 00
		" " Amount of tax list for 1870,	24,416 06
	$38,749 74		$38,749 74

Cohasset, Feb. 10, 1871.

A. H. TOWER, Jr., Treasurer.

STATISTICS FURNISHED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

NAMES OF CHILDREN BORN IN 1870.

Jan. 22,	Cora S. Groce,	Jerusalem St.
Feb. 11,	Mary J. Downs,	James Lane.
" 14,	Luther Jenkins Bates,	South Main St.
" 19,	Joseph Park Spurr,	Beechwood St.
" 22,	Mary Catharine Rooney,	Margin St.
Mar. 5,	Walter Lincoln Munnis,	Beechwood St.
" 10,	Benjamin S. Beal,	Jerusalem St.
" 14,	Sarah Laura Beal,	Hull St.
" 15,	Peter William Ainslie,	Margin St.
" 27,	Clarence Sumner Couilard,	Pond St.
Apr. 17,	Leonard William Minot,	Beechwood St.
" 19,	Charles Walter Dyer,	"
" 23,	Charles Augustus Tower,	Pleasant St.
May 1,	Walter Mulvey,	Jerusalem St.
" 3,	Frank Fisher	Snow Place.
" 5,	Mary Souther Bates,	Winter St.
" 13,	Clarissa Warren Brown,	Elm St.
" 20,	David Gould Brown,	"
June 2,	Bertha Thornton Lincoln,	Jerusalem St.
" 21,	Laura Studley,	Pleasant St.
" 27,	Eugene Francis Ward,	South Main St.
July 6,	Johnnie Lawrence,	Snow Place.
" 8,	Willie Francis,	Church St.
" 9,	Frank Pierson,	Snow Place.
" 25,	Lottie Gertrude Looney,	Pleasant St.
" 29,	Levi T. Lincoln,	Beechwood St.
" 31,	Mary Parker Tower,	North Main St.
Aug. 6,	Sarah Cummings T. Beal,	Hull Street.
" 6,	Annie Gracie,	Border St.
" 25,	Mary Rebecca Tower,	Elm St.
" 29,	Alfred M. Antone,	Margin St.
" 31,	Manuel Gracie,	Border St.
Sept. 5,	Rosa Gracie,	"
" 9,	Charles Franklin Baxter,	Pleasant St.
" 18,	Willie Valine,	Margin St.

Sept. 18,	Minnie Francis Bates, ...	Jerusalem St.
" 25,	Susan Bates, ...	King St.
" 26,	Nettie Jane Pratt, ...	South Main St.
Oct. 1,	Martha Mary Ainslie, ...	Margin St.
" 9,	Mary Joseph, ...	"
" 9,	Allen Collier Bates, ...	Elm St.
" 20,	—— Whitcomb, ...	Beechwood St.
" 22,	Waldo A. Brown, ...	Jerusalem St.
Nov. 6,	Edward Francis Powers, ...	James Lane.
" 9,	Willie Marshall James, ...	King St.
" 20,	Clarence Humphrey Antone, ...	Beechwood St.
" 22,	Edith McCormick, ...	Pond St.
Dec. 4,	Wallace Clarence Williams, ...	Beechwood St.
" 12,	Frank Alden Willcutt, ...	Elm St.
" 14,	Joseph Peter, ...	Border St.
" 15,	Edith Tower, ...	Winter St.
" 25,	Mary Ann O'Connell, ...	Summer St.
" 27,	May Leonard, ...	Elm St.
" 31,	—— Ainslie, ...	Beechwood St.

MARRIAGES, REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COHASSET, FOR THE YEAR 1870.

Jan. 2, Charles E. Tyrer and Emma A. Thayer, both of Cohasset.
" 6, Franklin D. Brigham and Helen A. Bates, both of Cohasset.
" 13, John Bates and Mary N. Farrow, both of Cohasset.
Feb. 10, James Oscar Douglas and Emma E. Blackman, Rochester.
" 17, John E. Francis and Mary McCloud, both of Cohasset.
April 2, Willis L. Wright, of Cambridge, and Abbie M. Barnes, of Cohasset.
June 11, Alfred Gardner and Catherine Thompson, both of Cohasset.
" 16, Lorenzo D. Bates, of South Scituate, and Carrie F. Smith, of Cohasset.
Aug. 9, Oliver H. Bates and Martha Woodworth, both of Cohasset.
Sept. 8, Hewitt Baker, Jr., of South Scituate, and Mary Olive Wilder, of Hingham.
Sept. 22, George William Conley and Hepsybah E. Bates, both of Cohasset.
Nov. 17, David Bates and Sarah Fannie Bourne, both of Cohasset.
" 22, Augustus Ewell, of Medford, and Rebecca B. Pratt, of Cohasset.
Dec. 18, Chas. R. Sprague, of Hingham, and Luella J. Ewell, of Cohasset.
" 25, Thomas W. Hyland and Georgianna F. Bradford, both of Scituate.
May 8, Jesse C. Hayden, of Cohasset, and Emma P. Ryan, of Randolph. Were married in Randolph.
Aug. 21, Caleb F. B. Tilden and Priscilla C. Nichols, both of Cohasset. Were married in Hanover.
Oct. 22, Charles R. Williams and Alice Baker, both of Cohasset. Were married in Boston.
Nov. 24, John William Neal and Ella E. Downs, both of Cohasset. Were married in Boston.

DEATHS

Registered in Cohasset for the Year 1870.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			BIRTHPLACE.	DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 11	Levi L. Bates,			14	Cohasset,	Congest. Lungs.
Feb. 6	Lydia W. Small,	38	6		Cohasset,	Cancer.
" 20	Mary Lambert,	85	6		Scituate,	Dropsy.
" 26	Leonard Harris,	88	3	12	Brattleboro', Vt.	Old Age.
Apr. 12	Nancy Jenkins,	87	1	9	Scituate,	Consumption.
May 12	Sarah B. Minot,	58	7		Scituate,	Paralysis.
" 10	Charlotte White,	88			Cohasset,	Old Age.
" 23	Joanna N. Cousens,	25	9	23	Cohasset,	Consumption.
June 4	James Mellen,	40			Ireland,	Heart Disease.
" 27	Eddie M. D. Blossom,	1	7	12	Cohasset,	Brain Fever.
July 8	Gurtie A. Burbank,	4			Cohasset,	Scarlet Fever.
" 14	William H Rich,	21	8		Norwich, Conn.,	Typhoid Fever.
" 17	Emma J. Locke,	24	10	6	Cohasset,	Uterine Hem'age.
" 28	Jacob F. Bates, 2d,	1	3		Cohasset,	Brain Fever.
" 28	Leavitt Burbank,	81	4		Cohasset,	Old Age.
Aug. 4	Eliza Hall Lincoln,	29		18	Cohasset,	Child-bed Fev'r
" 5	Mabel Mumford Pratt,		9	18	Cohasset,	Dysentery.
" 9	Timothy Queeny,	37			Ireland,	Consumption.
" 29	Betsey Nichols,	76			Cohasset,	Dropsy.
Oct. 6	Joseph Garcia,		1		Cohasset,	Diarrhea.
" 15	Lucy Robbins,	72			Brighton,	Cancer Humor.
" 24	John Morse,	53	11		Boston,	Accident, lockjaw.
Nov. 8	Ruth L. Bailey,	80	5	29	Cohasset,	Pneumonia.
" 17	James Francis O'Brine,	3	11		Cohasset,	Croup, Memb.
Dec. 23	Ann Corlew,	68			Cohasset,	Consumption.
" 17	Deborah Noreworthee,	78			Cohasset,	Bilious Fever.

Residents of Cohasset who died in other places in 1870.

Feb. 9	Alice A. Parker,		6		Cohasset,	Died in Boston.
Oct. 11	Sarah E. Beal,	4	2	11	Cohasset,	Died in Boston.
Dec. 23	Johnnie Bryant Cousens,	1	5	17	Cohasset,	Died in Boston.
Oct. 11	Capt. James Hall,*	53			Cohasset,	

* Died on board of Ship Orion, struck by a sea near Cape Horn.

To my report of Marriages and Deaths this year I have added a list of the names of children born in the town, the date of each birth, and the name of the street on which they were born, which will so locate them that an opportunity to correct errors, if any there be, or omissions in the record, will be given to all.

The whole number of births was 54.

Number of males, 30; of females, 24.

Born of parents of foreign birth, one or both, 22.

Colored, 1.

The number of deaths, including three, who died in Boston, and one who was lost at sea, was 30; of these, six were over 80 years old. The average age of all was 40 years, 9 months, 1 day, although 3 were under one year. Of the 13 who were over 50 years, the average of their ages was 75 years. Whole number of males, 12; whole number of females, 18; total, 30.

All errors should be reported to the Town Clerk immediately.

EDWARD TOWER,

Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1871.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the Report of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law.

ARTICLE 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the Support of Schools the current year.

ARTICLE 5. What sum of money will the Town raise for the Repair of Highways and Town-ways, and in what manner will they expend the same.

ARTICLE 6. Will the Town accept the List of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 7. In what manner will the Town collect their Taxes the current year, and how shall they be paid into the Treasury.

ARTICLE 8. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of Taxes, and to pay State Aid to Disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and families of the slain.

ARTICLE 9. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 10. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

ARTICLE 11. What sum of money will the Town raise for the necessary charges and support of the Poor the current year.

ARTICLE 12. Will the Town widen the Bridge on South Main Street, near the Post-Office, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new Hearse, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to remove ledges and widen road on Jerusalem Street, near G. T. W. Braman's.

ARTICLE 15. Will the Town cause the Highway opposite the house of James C. Doane to be widened, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. Will the Town cause the Bridge on Hull Street, near Edward Morse's, to be widened, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to make alterations in the South School-House, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. What amount will the Town pay to the Sealer of Weights and Measures, for his services for the year.

ARTICLE 19. Will the Town take any action in regard to their rights in a piece of land situate on Jerusalem Street, at Cold Spring; also in land on Border Street, known as the Old Ship Yard.

ARTICLE 20. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell their right in Strait Pond Flats.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
MARTIN LINCOLN,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET.

1870.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, CITY PRINTERS, 34 SCHOOL STREET.
1871.

REPORT.

THE School Committee of Cohasset, in presenting to the town their annual report of the condition of the schools the past year, have little new to offer by way of criticism or suggestion. There have been very few changes made in the school system, or of teachers. In the High school Mr. Caswell's connection with the school ceased at the close of the summer term, and Mr. William B. French took charge of the school at the beginning of the fall term, and conducted it with great success and acceptableness till the close of the year. In the Beechwoods district, Mr. L. Webster Bates was employed to teach the grammar school through the year, with the exception of a few weeks of the fall term, when Miss Ella M. Bates, who had previously taught the school, supplied his place. This arrangement was adopted because Mr. Bates offered to teach the school during the summer term for the same compensation as that which was given to the female teachers of grammar schools, and because it was thought advisable, if it could be done, to keep the school under the charge of the same teacher through the year

The teachers who had had charge of the other schools the year before, were continued in the same schools; viz, Miss Sarah L. Pratt in the Jerusalem school, Miss Carrie S. Pratt and Miss Martha A. Bates in the North grammar and primary schools, Miss Sarah T. Litchfield and Miss Annie A. Souther in the Centre grammar and primary schools, Miss Elizabeth D. Tower and Miss Myra L. Beal in the South grammar and primary schools, and Miss Georgianna Bates in the Beech-

woods primary school. Miss M. Anna Rich also continued as assistant teacher in the High School.

All the schools in the town were in a prosperous state during the year, and were conducted with more than their usual average success. They differed, it is true, in their condition, and some schools were superior in some respects, others in other respects. Your committee will not attempt to draw comparisons between them, or to point out the peculiar excellences or defects of the different schools except in the most general way. The teachers differed very much in their methods of teaching, in their relations to their pupils, in their ways of governing, and in the particular branches of learning to which they gave chief attention, and taught most successfully. In some schools the pupils made especial progress in arithmetic, in others in grammar, in others in geography, in others singing was very successfully taught, while all the schools gave evidence of commendable progress in reading, spelling and writing. There were, of course, many exceptions among the children with respect to their improvement, as there always must be in schools constituted as ours are, which receive children of every degree of natural capacity and under all kinds of home influence. Some have naturally dull minds, and are incapable of learning much under the best influences or teaching. Others of naturally good capacity fail to learn, from the irregularity of their attendance. Those children who are frequently absent from school fall out of their classes, lose their interest in their studies, become discouraged, and fail to obtain the education that they ought to receive. In some of the schools irregularity of attendance is the greatest obstacle to success.

The subject of compulsory education is more and more occupying the thought of philanthropists and statesmen. In Germany, which, during the past year, has given such proofs of national vigor and power, not only are all the citizens permitted to exercise the rights of free suffrage, and are liable to military

duty, but they are required also to educate their children. No matter how poor or ignorant they may be, or how much they need the services of their children, they are obliged by law to send them to school, and to have them instructed in the elements of learning. The reasonableness of this requirement is apparent, when we consider that if all our children are to exercise the rights and privileges of citizens, they have a just claim to an education which shall enable them to exercise the high trusts of citizenship with intelligence. At the same time the community have a right to protect themselves from the danger, the burden, and the shame of an ignorant and debased class of people. And the best protection is to be found in a good, intellectual and moral education, such as our common schools ought to afford. The Massachusetts system of education will not be complete till it makes the education of all the children in the State compulsory.

The question is often asked the School Committee, "Why are certain children permitted to be absent from school, and to grow up in idleness and ignorance, when we have a truant law, and truant officers to enforce the law?" It is true that we have a good truant law, and truant officers who in many cases have done much to check truancy. But the difficulty lies in the want of adequate power to enforce the law. The parents of many of the children who are unnecessarily absent from school, are unable to pay a fine, and if they could pay it, they have not enough control over their children to keep them in school. At the same time if the courts before whom the children might be brought should sentence them to confinement there is no suitable place in the county where they could be confined. They are not, and should not be treated as, criminals, and therefore cannot be sent to the reform schools. They cannot be confined in our almshouse, nor in any other proper place in the county. Therefore the sentence of the court could not be executed. There is urgent need of a state institution, or of an institution in each

county where this class of children may be sent, and instructed till they are willing to attend school regularly in their respective towns. Till such institutions are provided, our truant-laws will be, in many respects, but a dead letter, and it will be impossible to secure the proper attendance of all children in our schools.

The best results from teaching can be obtained only in schools properly graded. The first system of grading the schools in this town, was based on age, making the reaching of a certain age the condition of children being advanced from a lower school to a higher. This was soon found to be a very unsatisfactory condition; for children of the same age differ very much in their mental development, in their progress in learning, and in their fitness for particular grades of schools. The committee have, therefore, made qualification more and more the condition of transferring from a lower school to a higher. Thus, when children have learned to read fluently the Third Reader, to spell well the words in the Primary Spelling Book, and are familiar with Primary Arithmetic, and the first two or three sections of Colburn's First Lessons, they are considered qualified to enter the grammar schools. These conditions are occasionally modified, when, in the judgment of the committee, it would be of benefit to the schools or to individual pupils.

So also in transferring pupils from the Grammar schools to the High school, it has been the endeavor of the committee that the pupils transferred should be able to read with facility in the Fifth Reader, should have completed Colburn's First Lessons, have learned written arithmetic through fractions, and have studied thoroughly the Primary Geography, and have made some progress in the Common School Geography. But there have, of necessity, been many exceptions to this rule; for many children, either from natural dulness, from irregular attendance, or from being obliged to be out of school for purposes

of labor during a part of the year, are unable to reach the very low standard required for admission into the High school. Yet these children, too old to class well in our Grammar schools, and to be under the sole charge of female teachers, must be admitted to the High school, as the only school where they can be under proper discipline, and will cause the least derangement in the order and teaching of the school, and where they can find associates in scholars of their own age.

The presence of this class of children in a school where the larger part of the pupils are admitted on the basis of qualification and pursue systematic and progressive courses of study, works a double injury. It is an injury to all the other scholars, as these dull and backward scholars require much of the teacher's time to assist them in the rudiments of learning, all of which is needed to teach those in the higher and progressive classes, while at the same time the whole tone and character of the school is impaired. Then it is a great injury to these backward pupils themselves. Many of them are of good natural capacity, but not having been well instructed in their early years, or being obliged to be out of school to labor except in the winter months, they are without habits of mental discipline and have made little progress in learning. As the regular and more advanced classes require and should have the larger portion of the teacher's time, these pupils must necessarily be more or less neglected; at least they cannot have that careful and patient instruction which they especially need.

These children should receive all the help, encouragement, and teaching that can be given them. But this is impossible under present arrangements. The only practicable way to remedy the difficulty, in the opinion of the Committee, is either to establish an intermediate school for the four colder months, under the charge of a male teacher, in which all children too old for the grammar schools and not sufficiently qualified for the High school may be taught; or, what may perhaps be cheaper

and more practicable, employ an additional teacher for four months in the High school to teach especially this class of children.

The High school cannot be made what it ought to be, till one of these courses is adopted.

This school has now become more than ever an indispensable part of our school system, and the more excellent we make it, the higher shall we raise the condition of all our schools, for they all feel its influence and for years have depended on it chiefly for their teachers. The population of the town has now become so large that the High school could not be discontinued without the town's losing its portion of the income of the State Literary Fund, being besides liable to a fine, and forfeiting the income of the Ripley Fund. The school has never been more successful or useful than it is at the present time.

The last examination showed that both the teachers had labored very diligently and successfully, and that the pupils had made good progress in learning.

During the past year an excellent piano was purchased for the use of the school entirely by private subscription, and from the proceeds of an entertainment got up by the school and others interested. A teacher of music also, Mr. Edmund Bates, was employed and paid by money raised by the school, to give lessons in music once a week. This has added to the interest of the school, and has afforded to children of all classes an opportunity to learn music, — a beautiful and desirable accomplishment. It is very much to be hoped that this instruction in music may be continued through this year, as it will not only benefit all who may be able to share in the instruction, but it will be of ultimate benefit to all the schools in town, as it will afford instruction to those young ladies who may in after years become teachers, and thus be enabled to instruct in music the pupils they may have under their charge. Besides, it is probable that an arrangement, may be made by which the pres-

ent teachers of the other schools may during the year receive instruction in music which they may impart to the children of their schools. Your committee, therefore, strongly recommend that the town raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the teaching of music.

It should be stated that singing has been practised, and by some teachers much instruction has been given, in every school in the town during the past year.

The addition made by the town to the salaries of all the female teachers last year, was a great encouragement and gave to them an increased motive to try to do their best in their schools. Never before have they labored more diligently or more successfully to improve their schools. Although now their compensation is low when compared with the wages of teachers in many other towns, and is not sufficient to secure the services of well qualified teachers from other places, yet, when our teachers can obtain their education in our High school, and can board at home, the compensation which they now receive is really respectable, and sufficient to justify our young ladies, who have a taste for the work, in preparing themselves to become teachers. And the more comprehensive and thorough their education, and the better they become fitted for their office, the easier will it be for them to obtain situations, and the higher will be the salaries which they will command. It is the purpose of the committee to be more strict in the examination of teachers who take charge of our schools, and to require more thorough teaching, hoping thus to raise the condition of all our schools.

The following table shows the numbers of children in the schools and their average attendance the past year: —

SCHOOLS.	WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS.		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	
	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.
Jerusalem School	32	25	21	17
North Grammar School	34	33	26	24
North Primary School	34	30	21	19
Centre Grammar School	40	36	22	31
Centre Primary School	43	48	31	34
South Grammar School	35	33	28	29
South Primary School	48	49	42	40
Beechwoods Grammar School	39	49	21	36
Beechwood Primary School	42	31	28	23
High School	83	89	51	68
Total	430	423	291	321

The expenses of the schools for the last year were as follows: —

	For Teaching,	For Fuel, care of Rooms, etc.
Jerusalem Schools.	$300 00	$50 75
North Grammar Schools,	300 00	70 00
North Primary "	240 00	
Centre Grammar "	300 00	54 42
Centre Primary "	240 00	
South Grammar "	300 00	45 95
South Primary "	240 00	
Beechwoods' Grammar School,	370 00	92 75
Beechwoods' Primary "	240 00	
High School, Principal,	1,000 00	104 37
" " Assistant,	350 00	
	$3,880 00	$428 24

Adding $428.24 to $3,880.00, the cost of teaching, the whole of the expense of schools last year, was $4,308.24. To meet these expenses, there were the amount raised: —

By tax for the support of schools,	$4,000 00
From the State Lit. Fund,	226 34
" town of Hull,	117 26
" Ripley Fund,	60 00
	$4,403 60

subtracting from this amount ($4,408.60), the cost of the schools ($4,308.24), leaves a balance of $95.36 of school money unexpended. With regard to this it should be remarked that two items of income last year were larger than they had been in previous years, and larger than they will be this year, viz, the income of the State Literary Fund, and the amount received from Hull.

Assuming that the cost of supporting the schools the current year will be the same as for the last year, viz, $4,308.00 and adding $100, which the committee recommend to be raised to pay the expense of teaching music in the High School, $4,408.00 will be needed. We shall have from the Ripley Fund $60.00 from Hull $77.00, and from the State Literary Fund, perhaps, $170.00, amounting in all to $307.00. Deducting this amount from $4,408.00, leaves $4,101.00 to be raised by tax. Your committee therefore recommend that the $4,100.00 be raised for the support of the schools the current year.

Last spring the town voted to raise and appropriate $2,000.00 to enlarge the Centre School house and furnish it with new furniture. A committee, consisting of the Selectmen and School Committee, was chosen to carry this vote into execution. Subsequently the committee appointed Mr. Levi N. Bates to take the entire charge of the work and make the alterations according to his discretion. All has been done that could be done

with advantage in the vacations. The building has been lengthened ten feet, an addition put on in front, the rooms arched, and new furniture of the most approved pattern put into both rooms.

The rooms have been so improved that they may be classed among the most convenient and pleasant school-rooms in town, while the expense of a new school-house has been saved, which would probably cost the town $3,000 more than the cost of the alterations there have been made. The whole amount of money thus far expended for the alterations and enlargement of the Centre school-house is $1,380.36. A few more desks have been ordered, which will increase the amount somewhat. It is not decided yet what further addition or change it may be best to make.

The fence around the Jerusalem school-house is in a bad condition and much of it is gone. It needs to be renewed. The wood-house also which was built for the accommodation of that school is very much decayed, and has become unfit for the purposes for which it was built. There is great need of a new building. Your committee, therefore, recommended that three hundred dollars ($300) be raised and appropriated for making a new fence and for erecting a new wood-house, or thoroughly repairing the old, for the use of the Jerusalem school.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD TOWER,
LEVI N. BATES,
JOSEPH OSGOOD,
School Committee.

Annual Report of the Selectmen

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Cohasset,

For the Year Ending February 10th, 1872.

INCLUDING THE

Reports of the Overseers of the Poor and Treasurer,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

BOSTON:
W. F. Brown & Co., Printers, No. 50 Bromfield Street.
1872.

At a legal meeting of the Voters of the Town, held March 6th, 1871,

Voted, That the Financial Report be printed and distributed by direction of the Selectmen, in the month of February next.

EDWARD TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT.

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

High School Rooms.

Paid Calkins & Pitman, printing,	$7 15
J. L. Hammett, settees, &c.,	52 98
Samuel Bates, stove, funnel, &c.,	23 82
Charles A. Gross, pails, brooms, &c.,	1 34
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock,	9 87
Samuel D. Tower, glazing,	75
Edward Tower, key, and paid labor,	1 50
Mrs. Mulchi, cleaning,	5 67
Bela Stoddard, labor and stock,	23 50
M. A. Wilde, ink wells, &c.,	10 58
Edward E. Ellms, ink and crayons,	19 22
A. H. Tower, Jr., bricks and lime,	13 65
L. C. Southard, printing,	6 00
Mrs. Lyons, cleaning,	4 67
	$180 70

Jerusalem School House.

Paid Welcome Beal & Co., (1870) wood, &c.,	$4 15
Philip Fox, labor on shed,	90 00
Samuel Bates, hardware,	46
Charles A. Gross, glass,	80
Andrew Morse, labor,	10 50
William H. H. Morse, labor,	9 00
Charles F. Tilden, iron work,	3 65
Daniel W. Pratt, painting and stock,	9 79
Welcome Beal & Co., brooms and pails,	2 55
David Cushing, lumber,	36 43
Thomas M. Smith, teaming,	8 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber,	107 49
	$282 82

SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid Robert B. Pratt, care of room, (1870),	$9 75
Samuel Bates, stoves, &c.,	48 72
Charles A. Gross, brooms,	75
Martin N. Bates, labor,	1 45
Samuel D. Tower, glazing,	3 75
Edward Tower, cash paid for labor, &c.,	11 00
C. F. Tilden, iron work,	50
Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c.,	6 30
	$82 22

CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid J. L. Hammett, settees,	$39 96
Samuel Bates, hardware,	5 65
Mrs. Mulchi, clearing,	4 67
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock,	16 30
Edward E. Ellms, ink and crayons,	5 30
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber,	10 96
	$82 84

NORTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid Samuel Bates, stove and funnel,	$16 60
Bela Stoddard, labor,	1 50
William Trainer, plumbing,	3 30
Martin N. Bates, labor,	1 25
Lewis Willcutt, 2d, labor,	5 00
Mrs. Mulchi, cleaning,	3 50
Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, and books,	13 40
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber,	1 65
	$46 20

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid Charles H. Wood, water,	$1 00
Minot Pratt, labor and stock,	22 98
John W. Bates 2nd, labor,	1 00
Ezra Brown, brooms, &c.,	87
Samuel Bates, funnel and repairs,	6 40
Edward E. Ellms, ink and crayons,	3 65
	$35 90

REMOVING SNOW FROM STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid E. & J. Mann,	$1 50
David Beal, and others,	22 00
Henry Snow, and others,	10 22
Aaron Wheeler, and others,	4 00
Lot Willcutt, and others,	26 67
Warren Nichols, and others,	54 67
Levi L. Worrick, Jr., and others,	47 26
J. W. Bates, 2nd,	28 74
Thomas Smith,	8 67
Adna Bates, and others,	35 00
Lewis Lincoln,	3 00
Alonzo L. Palmer,	2 00
William F. Thayer,	5 32
Stephen P. Barnes,	1 33
Caleb Beal, Jr.,	5 00
Samuel N. Lincoln,	5 67
Isaac S. Pratt, and others,	28 88
Louis N. Lincoln, and others,	17 75
J. Q. A. Lothrop,	5 00
Thomas M. Smith, and others,	47 33
Isaac Kent,	2 00
	$362 01

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid William W. Studley, steward,	$20 00
William Souther, watching fires (1870),	3 00
Samuel Bates, shovel,	1 50
27 fire engine men, poll taxes,	54 00
S. T. Sherman, watching fires,	3 00
Charles A. Gross, oil,	3 25
Thomas Beal, straps, &c.,	6 50
Edwin Studley, watching fire,	2 00
Charles F. Tilden, iron work,	3 00
Charles A. Studley, watching fire,	2 00
Edward E. Ellms, refreshments and lamps,	8 50
T. M. Smith, horses,	3 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., wood and coal,	3 35
	$113 10

TOWN HALL.

Paid John B. Souther, chairs,	$10 00
Samuel Bates, stove fixtures,	5 66
Martin N. Bates, repairs,	60
Samuel N. Lincoln, sawing, splitting and housing wood and coal,	4 25
A. H. Tower, Jr., wood and coal,	12 75
N. B. Tower, Agent, chairs,	5 60
	$38 86

PRINTING.

Paid Wright & Potter, Town Reports,	$117 44
Alfred Mudge & Son, School Reports,	30 94
Newcomb B. Tower, Tax Bills and Notices,	34 25
	$182 63

REMOVING LEDGE AND WIDENING JERUSALEM STREET.

Paid Walter S. Beal, labor and team,	$10 00
John H. Cook, labor,	40 00
John N. Cook, labor,	54 00
Thomas Ready, labor,	60 00
Stephen P. Lincoln, labor,	50 00
Alfred Gardner, labor,	60 00
John Cronican, labor,	58 00
Samuel N. Lincoln, labor,	20 00
L. N. Lincoln, labor,	80 00
Charles A. Gross, powder and fuse,	38 30
Philip Fox, lumber,	3 50
Ephraim Lincoln, Jr., labor and team,	15 00
Thomas M. Smith, teaming,	64 00
Frank J. Damon, smithing,	15 36
Charles F. Tilden, smithing,	3 75
J. Q. A. Lothrop, labor,	10 00
	$581 91

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

Paid School Committee Order,	$4,100 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Tax, 1871,	$3,125 00
County Tax, 1871,	1,377 59
	$4,502 59

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid Edward E. Ellms,	$72 59

HEARSE.

Paid A. Tolman & Co.,	$450 00
S. S. R. R. Co., freight,	8 71
Ezra Towle, 2d, services and expenses,	12 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses,	14 60
	$485 31

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Lot Willcut	$100 00	Peter C. Kimball	$17 65
George W. Cousens, Jr.,	31 50	Thomas Smith	10 50
Joseph F. Ennice	18 00	Levi L. Minot	18 00
Ezra Towle, 2d	6 00	Thomas M. Smith	25 00
John Cronican	70 00	John Kinsley	6 00
Lewis Lincoln	5 00	Thomas Kinsley	8 75
Aaron Nichols	9 00	Levi L. Worrick, Jr.	71 00
Warren Nichols	52 50	Frank J. Damon	2 91
David Beal	10 00	Ezekiel Bates	20 00
D. S. G. Doane	12 00	Charles F. Tilden	30
Alfred Haskell	25 00	Lot Bates	21 00
Samuel N. Lincoln	135 00	Isaac S. Pratt	2 00
Edwin Bates	15 00	Thomas Lincoln	15 00
Timothy W. Brown	10 00	Waldo C. Locke	10 00
Asahel F. Nott	8 00	John O'Brien	6 50
Lewis Bates	15 83	L. N. Lincoln	37 00
Martin Lincoln	130 00	J. Q. A. Lothrop	36 00
Alms House Keeper, Men and Teams	1318 00	J. W. Bates, 2d,	15 00
		Alonzo L. Palmer	16 00
			$2,309 44
Deduct for Alms House,			1,318 00
Amount drawn from Treasury,			$991 44

STATE AID.

Amount paid to Soldiers and Families from Feb. 1st, 1871, to Feb. 1st, 1872,	$664 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Michael Sweeney, getting gravel.	$104 00
Philip Fox, railing bridge, Jerusalem street,	12 50
Expenses on new road, per ord. County Commissioners,	26 34
George Talbot, surveying,	20 00
William O. Clapp, damage to team,	20 00
Z. Rich, repairs on Mill bridge and Cove bridge,	4 25
Martin N. Bates, repairs,	50
Lewis Willcutt, 2d, guide board,	75
A. H. Tower, gravel,	52 00
Daniel Freeman, gravel,	3 80
Edward Tower, notifying land owners and surveying,	12 00
Charles F. Tilden, iron work Cove bridge,	5 10
Rebecca Whiton, land damage,	40 00
Cummings Lothrop, gravel from 1868 to 1872,	33 00
Heirs of Rachel Lincoln, gravel,	27 00
John Bates, wharfage of gravel,	2 00
A. W. Hayden, repairs on Cove bridge,	1 00
Ezekiel Bates, gravel,	30 50
George B. N. Tower, surveying and plans,	69 34
T. M. Smith, horse hire,	8 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber for railings,	15 65
J. Q. A. Lothrop, laying out Sandy Cove road,	30 00
Martin Lincoln, laying out Sandy Cove road,	17 00
Louis N. Lincoln, laying out Sandy Cove road,	24 00
	$558 73

Bridge at Post Office.

Paid Martin Lincoln as per contract,	$350 00
Deduct labor by Alms House men and teams,	50 00
	$300 00

MAKING SIDEWALK NORTH MAIN STREET.

Paid Adna Bates, as per contract, ...	$174 00
Deduct labor by Alms House men and teams,	30 00
	$144 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid William Bates, labor on Straits Pond Dam,	$10 50
Charles F. Tilden, iron work " " "	2 40
James Stoddard, labor on " " "	10 50
Philip Fox, labor on " " "	2 25
T. M. Smith, horse and team " " "	14 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber " " "	15 31
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services " " "	5 00
L. N. Lincoln, services " " "	5 00
	$64 96

One half of the above changed to the Town of Hull.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1870.

Lewis Bates	$22 52
Est. Lorenzo Bates	5 85
John O. Barnes	2 50
Albert V. Barnes	11 99
Lorenzo Bates	2 50
George F. Hayden	2 50
Chas. H. Williston	2 50
Stilman Willis	2 50

1871.

Robert H. Reed	2 00
John Wilson	4 00
T. H. Perkins as Trustee . .	182 90
Thomas Cobb	2 00
Mary Lincoln	1 10
J. H. Weeks	93 50
Lewis Bates	2 00
E. N. Barker	2 00
Chas. L. Rich	88
James Phinney	2 00
Ephraim Snow	82 50
Est. Martin Bates	50 55
Geo. O. Sears	50 00
William H. Stewart	72
Chas. Whittier	7 14
David C. Chamberlain	2 00
Thomas A. Bates	1 05
Est. Lorenzo Bates	4 95
Frederick U. Beal	2 00
Abner N. Bates	2 00
Joseph Brown	2 00
Abner N. Bates, 2d	2 00
Nathaniel Clark	2 00
Manuel Enos, 2d	2 00
James McCormick	2 00
Joseph O. Osgood	2 00
Frank Pearson	2 00
J. B. Rogers	2 00
Jesse Tower	5 70
Chas. F. Tilden, 2d	2 00
David Vinal	4 77
Joseph P. Wheelwright	9 34
J. W. Williams	2 00
John Willcutt	2 00
Henry Williston	2 00
	$591 96

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Joseph Osgood, School Committee,	$55 00
Edward Tower, " "	35 00
Levi N. Bates, " "	26 25
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services as Selectman,	65 00
" " " and expenses on State Aid,	11 00
" " " as Assessor,	100 00
" " " copying Valuations for State,	50 00
" " " and expenses on Bank and Corporation Tax,	50 00
Martin Lincoln, services as Selectman,	35 00
" " " Assessor,	90 00
Louis N. Lincoln, services as Selectman,	45 00
" " " on State Aid,	6 00
" " " Assessor,	100 00
" " " copying Valuation for State,	50 00
" " " and expenses on Bank and Corporation Tax,	7 00
Allen C. Bates, salary for Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1870,	50 00
Allen C. Bates, salary for Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1871,	50 00
Edward Tower, Town Clerk,	82 70
A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer and Collector,	200 00
	$1,107 95

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Lothrop & Tilden, distributing Town Reports,	$3 00
Andrew W. Williams, notifying Town Officers,	8 00
Osgood & Bates, distributing School Reports,	2 50
Samuel E. Pratt, highway, 1870,	10 50
Southward Pratt, flag-staff,	6 00
Ezra Towle, 2d, repairs on Hearse House,	6 90
Edwin Bates, highway, 1870,	10 00
Zacheus Rich, platform and box pump,	21 25

Paid Zacheus Rich, services as Constable and Truant Officer,	$10 00
Charles A. Gross, books and stationery,	5 60
Bela Stoddard, town pump,	10 75
Lewis Willcutt, 2nd, town pump,	16 77
Edward Tower, postage,	2 94
" " stationery,	6 05
Edward E. Ellms, pump and pipe,	28 00
John Francis, highway, 1870,	8 00
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire Assessors,	15 50
" " " School Committee,	22 00
" " carrying State pauper to Alms House,	13 50
" " expenses for County Commissioners and Selectmen,	55 00
" " cash paid for repairing snow plough,	4 00
S. N. Lincoln, town meetings,	8 00
" " posting warrants and other notices,	8 00
" " services as Constable & Truant Officer,	16 75
" " services under Dog Law,	3 50
Daniel W. Pratt, painting platform and pump box,	2 00
M. B. Stetson, services as Committee,	3 00
A. H. Tower, " "	3 00
T. N. Tower, " "	3 00
John Bates, flag-staff,	1 30
Henry Doane, carting,	40
Ezra Towle, 2nd, return of deaths,	3 40
Newcomb Bates, care of town clock, and ringing bell,	30 00
Edward E. Ellms, school orders,	3 65
Beal's Express,	6 55
A. H. Tower, Jr., lumber for pumps,	20 35
" " flag-staff,	1 83
D. S. G. Doane, services as Constable & Truant Officer,	15 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses on Committee,	50 00
Martin Lincoln, " " " "	3 00
L. N. Lincoln, " " " "	19 00
William F. Thayer, killing pig,	2 50
	$470 49

RECAPITULATION.

Expenditures on school houses,	$710 68
Removing snow,	362 01
Fire Department,	113 10
Town Hall,	38 86
Printing,	182 63
Board of Health,	64 96
Abatement of Taxes,	591 96
Removing ledge, and widening Jerusalem Street,	581 91
School Appropriation,	4,100 00
State and County Tax,	4,502 59
School books,	72 59
Hearse,	485 31
Repair of highways,	991 44
State Aid,	664 00
Roads and bridges,	558 73
Bridge at Post Office,	350 00
Sidewalk North Main Street,	174 00
Town Officers,	1,107 95
Miscellaneous,	470 49
Orders to Overseers of the Poor,	4,288 35
Amount of orders drawn by Selectmen,	$20,411 56

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,

February 10th, 1872.

Amount of Funded Debt.

Cohasset Savings Bank, Nine Notes, due April 1st, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880,	$9,000 00
Henry Doane, one note due April 1st, 1872,	500 00
Levi Lincoln, " " 1873,	500 00
Calvin Merriam, " " 1874,	500 00
Est. Newcomb Bates, " " 1875,	500 00

DEMAND NOTES OUTSTANDING FEB. 10th, 1872.

Cohasset Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	$600 00
Cohasset Savings Bank,	4,000 00
Amount of Funded Debt,	11,000 00
	$15,600 00
Decrease of Interest-paying Debt,	$3,500 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10th, 1872.

Amount due from State for State Aid,	$1,448 22
" " " " Paupers,	925 27
" " John J. Lothrop,	435 38
" " Hull, for Schooling,	77 00
" " Town of Scituate,	14 05
" " Town of Truro,	24 72
" " Hingham and Quincy Bridges,	450 00
" " Hull, on Strait Pond,	32 48
" " Lot Wilcutt,	45 90
" " Mrs. Carter,	13 62
Amount in the Treasury, Feb. 10, 1872,	1,574 63
	$5,041 27

Amount of Interest paying debt,	$15,600 00	
Deduct Assets of the Town,	5,041 27	
Actual Debt,		$10,558 73

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
MARTIN LINCOLN,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1872.

ALMS HOUSE ACCOUNT.

To stock on hand, Feb. 1st, 1871,	$1,859 52
Benjamin Barnes, fish and lobsters,	8 77
John Souther, shoemaking,	1 50
Spear and Hallenbeck, horse cart,	65 00
C. F. B. Tilden, horse,	250 00
David A. Hersey, cart harness,	25 75
William H. Bates, labor,	143 00
Seth Thomas, pigs,	30 00
A. A. Blaney, salary,	387 50
Miss L. H. Bates, labor,	79 00
John B. Souther, table,	14 00
Samuel Bates, tools, tinware, etc.,	25 47
Ezra Brown, groceries and grain,	148 08
M. B. Stetson & Co , groceries,	21 07
M. B. Stetson, sea manure,	6 00
Massachusetts Ploughman,	2 50
Ezra Towle, 2d, undertaker,	4 00
Z. Rich, repairs in barn,	11 50
Charles A. Gross, grain and groceries,	218 66
Frank J. Damon, blacksmithing,	43 25
Lewis L. Wheelwright, salt fish,	13 25
Alonzo L. Palmer, killing hogs, 1870,	4 50
Willie Souther, labor,	200 00
C. F. Nichols, groceries and grass,	10 20
Welcome Beal & Co., groceries,	21 94
George Hunt, bread,	8 59
John W. Bates, 2d, use of stock, etc.,	2 10
Estate John Burbank, standing wood,	5 00
Jesse C. Hayden, wagon body and repairing,	26 50
Thomas Smith, use of stock,	2 00
Edward E. Ellms, groceries and medicine,	86 40

Paid Galen James, cider and onions,	$1 88
Philander Bates, shoes, etc.,	7 15
Bourne & Nickerson, beef,	160 86
John Bates, Pasturing, 1869, $10.00, 1870, $10.00, 1871, $10.00,	30 00
A. W. Hayden, masoning,	8 60
Ezekiel Bates, killing hogs,	4 00
A. T. Prouty, lobsters,	58
Charles F. Tilden, blacksmithing,	32 25
Charles H. Willard, clothes line,	60
Bent & Bush, robes,	14 00
Town of Hanover, for job wheelwright,	2 00
Mrs. Jesse Tower, knitting,	65
Rosa Valine, sewing,	50
Mrs. C. Burbank, sewing,	50
Charles B. Burbank, clams,	40
A. A. Blaney, cash paid for herring,	1 00
Henry Williston, filing saw,	25
Charles Compton, repairing well bucket,	25
Mary Knight, labor,	7 50
Calvin Merriam, groceries,	78 67
T. M. Smith, hores hire,	9 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal and lumber,	65 16
Overseers of the Poor, services,	60 00
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	13 00
	$4,223 85

STOCK AT ALMS HOUSE, Feb. 1st, 1872.

1 Farm Wagon	$100.00	1 Lead Harness	$12.00
2 Horse Carts	140.00	2 Horses	500.00
1 Covered Wagon	50.00	2 Cows	175.00
1 Hay Wagon	8.00	35 Hens	21.00
1 Wagon Body	10.00	7½ Tons English Hay	262.50
1 Stone Drag	6.00	2 Tons Salt Hay	40.00
3 Ploughs	15.00	Lot Manure	72.00
1 Horse Sled	15.00	1 Grind Stone	2.00
1 Sleigh	10.00	Farming Tools	44.50
1 Harrow	6.00	6 Iron Chains	10.00
2 Cart Harnesses	45.00	6 Cords Hard Wood	39.00
1 Wagon Harness	12.00	10 Cords Pine Wood	50.00

40 Cedar Posts	$20.00	3 Vinegar barrels	$4.50
1 Ton W. A. Coal	9.50	2 Carriage Robes	14.00
Lot Carpenters Tools	3.50	1½ peck Beans	1.44
Saws Axes & Hatchets	10.00	Spices and boxes	4.50
2 Paint Brushes	2.00	1 Churn	2.50
Meal & Bags	5.00	Steel Traps	3.00
420 lbs. Salt Pork	42.00	15 galls. Vinegar	6.00
10 lbs. Tallow & Candles	2.00	70 lbs. Salt Fish	3.50
100 lbs. Lard.	15.00	10 lbs. Nails	50
44 lbs. Butter	17.60	2 Silver spoons	3.50
½ Barrel Flour	5.00	4 Stoves and fixtures	120.00
1 lb. Tea	1.00	Wooden Ware	6.50
12 lbs. Sugar	1.75	Glass Ware	4.50
200 lbs. Hams & Shoulders	20.00	Queens Ware	10.00
50 bu. Potatoes	40.00	24 Empty barrels	4.80
1 Barrel Roots	3.50	Household Furniture	280.00
10 Beef & Pork casks	12.50	Mackerel and cask	3.00
Tubs, Baskets, Wringers, &c	15.50	10 lbs. Soap	1.00
Tin, Earthern & Stove Ware	51.00	18 yds. Print	1.80
2 galls. Molasses and keg	2.50		
			$2,389.39

ALMS HOUSE ACCOUNT OF SALES AND LABOR.

John Souther, salt grass,		$4 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, butter,		18 90
L. N. Lincoln, butter,		8 64
Bourne & Nickerson, calves,		24 28
Joseph H. Smith, butter,		1 44
Dr. G. P. Pratt, eggs,		1 20
Labor on highway by men and teams,		1,398 00
Ezra Brown, eggs,		1 84
		$1,458 30
Amount of sales and labor,	1,458 30	
" stock on hand,	2,389 39	
	$3,847 69	
Debit brought forward,		$4,223 85
Credit " "		3,847 69
Alms House debtor to balance,		$376 16
Expenses of Inmates at the Alms House 260 weeks at 1.44\frac{44}{65}$ per week amounts to		$376 16

SUPPORT OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMS HOUSE

For the Year ending Feb. 1st, 1872.

Dr.

Paid State Lunatic Hospital for David Willcutt,				$203 80
"	"	"	Josephine E. Bates,	186 45
"	"	"	John J. Lothrop,	211 30
"	"	"	Elizabeth J. Dady,	202 09
"	"	"	Lot Willcutt,	29 80
"	"	"	William Kilburn,	6 50

ASSISTANCE TO MRS. LAMBERT.

Paid Isaac H. Lambert, funeral expenses,		$30 00

ASSISTANCE TO JOSIAH MANN.

Paid Charles A. Gross, groceries,	$13 00	
Edward E. Ellms, medicine,	1 05	
		$14 05

ASSISTANCE TO REUBEN RYDER, JR.

Paid Charles A. Gross, groceries,	$20 03	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	5 25	
		$25 28

ASSISTANCE TO DAVID VINAL.

Paid Edward E. Ellms, groceries,	$98 00	
Calvin Merriam, groceries,	9 06	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	7 00	
		$114 06

ASSISTANCE TO ISABELLA SILVIA.

Paid Charles A. Gross, groceries,	$10 25	
C. F. Nichols, flour,	9 75	
Edward E. Ellms, medicine,	2 50	
A. H. Tower, Jr., wood and coal,	42 78	
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	4 50	
		$69 78

ASSISTANCE TO J. P. WHEELRIGHT.

Paid Howard Pratt, groceries,	$59 55	
Ezra Brown, groceries and clothing,	53 96	
Lot Bates, wood,	3 50	
		$117 01

ASSISTANCE TO JESSE TOWER.

Paid Chas. H. Willard, groceries,	$98 96	
Calvin Merriam, groceries,	6 49	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	10 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. coal,	27 50	
		$142 95

ASSISTANCE TO JOHN WILLCUTT.

Paid Robert T. Burbank, wood,	$8 00	
Calvin Merriam, groceries,	36 00	
		$44 01

ASSISTANCE TO MRS. PEARSON.

Paid C. F. Nichols, flour,	$9 75	
Ripley and Newhall, coffin and robe,	7 00	
Ezra Towle, 2d, undertaking,	4 00	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	6 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., flour and coal	32 50	
		$59 25

ASSISTANCE TO MRS. JOSEPH ROOT.

Paid Welcome Beal & Co., groceries,	$98 46	
C. G. Beal & Co., groceries,	2 93	
A. H. Tower, Jr., wood and coal,	15 75	
		$117 14

ASSISTANCE TO MANUEL JOSEPH.

Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., flour and groceries,	$13 80	
C. F. Nichols, flour,	9 90	
Edward E. Ellms, medicine,	2 50	
		$26 20

ASSISTANCE TO MRS. CARTER.

Paid Welcome Beal & Co., groceries,	$13 62

ASSISTANCE TO MRS. MULVEY.

Paid A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	$10 25

ASSISTANCE TO WILLIAM HAYDEN.

Paid A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	$5 50

ASSISTANCE TO JOHN TYRER.

Paid A. H. Tower, Jr., groceries,	$17 80
Paid City of Boston to Sarah P. Joy,	$47 00
" " Elizabeth J. Nichols,	34 00
" " Eunice Sterling,	69 00
George W. White, Jr., for Lot Willcutt,	16 10
Ripley & Newhall, coffin and robe for I. Litchfield,	20 00
Newcomb Bates, tolling bell,	1 00
Overseers services and expenses,	90 00
	$1,923 94

Cr.

Amount due from John J. Lothrop,	$211 30
" " " Elizabeth J. Dady,	202 09
" " " Town of Scituate,	14 05
" " " " Truno,	25 28
" " " Lot Willcutt,	45 90
" " " State,	6 00
" " " Mrs. Carter,	13 62
" " " Isaac H. Lambert,	35 00
	$553 24

Outside expenses brought forward,		$1,923 94
" credit " "		553 24
" expenses debtor to balance,		$1,370 70

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
MARTIN LINCOLN,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of Real Estate, May 1st, 1871,		$1,064,610 00
" Personal, " " "		830,968 00
		$1,895,578 00
Number of Polls, May 1st, 1871,	558	
Tax on Polls and Estates,		$21,968 09
Rate per cent on $1000,	$11 00	
Number of dwelling houses, May 1st, 1871,	465	
" horses, " "	166	
" cows, " "	214	
" sheep, " "	148	
" acres land taxed, " "	5,911¼	

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED THE ENSUING YEAR

For Payment of Debt,	$1,500 00
" Interest,	1,500 00
Discount on Taxes,	1,000 00
Support of the Poor,	2,000 00
Roads and Bridges,	600 00
Removing Snow,	600 00
Repairs on School Houses,	400 00
Support of Schools,	4,200 00
Repair of Highways,	2,000 00
Town Officers,	1,000 00
Printing and Fire Department,	500 00
Miscellaneous,	500 00
	$15,800 00
Less amount in Treasury,	1,400 00
	$14,400 00

LIST OF PERSONS WHO PAY A TAX OF $50 AND UPWARDS.

Bates, Jonathan B.	$84.41
Bates, Newcomb Est.	109.05
Bates, Loring	56.45
Bryant, Elizabeth B.	256.34
Sohier & Minot, Trustees	2200.00
Bates, Warren	67.56
Bates, Levi N.	67.12
Bates, John	877.91
Bates, Thomas	95.68
Bates, John W.	124.58
Bates, Samuel	51.30
Beal, Jr., George	63.05
Bourne, Richard	73.98
Brown, Washington	146.21
Bates, Martin, Est.	354.81
Braman, G. T. W.	111 49
Collier, James	136.75
Cousens, C. A.	57.72
Cunningham, Charles	59.95
Cunningham, Edward	206.31
Doane, J. C.	54.42
Howe, John C.	51.70
Hudson, Thomas	61.41
Hunt, John, Est.	50.33
James, Eleazer	105.04
Johnson, William B.	240.23
Joy, Bela	84.20
Kimball, Peter C.	89.64
Kneeland, Samuel	104.50
Lawrence, Sarah J.	67.59
Lincoln, Martin	91.97
Lincoln, Cornelius	75.70
Lothrop, Daniel T.	230.27
Lothrop, John J.	71.67
Lincoln, Zenas D.	65.25
Leonard, Joseph	71.50
Merriam, Calvin	83.43
Nichols, Caleb, Est.	62.73
Moors, J. B.	$136.40
Percival, J. P. T.	224.74
Pratt, Paul, Est.	93.50
Parker, William	495.90
Parker. F. J.	113.03
Pratt, Charles	53.17
Pratt, James	65.29
Perkins, T. Henry	188.18
Pratt, Job	57.33
Pratt, Howard	63.01
Peters, E. D.	87.31
Richardson, Thomas	295.21
Stoddard, James	65.82
Snow, Ephriam	244.57
Souther, Laban, Est.	75.08
Smith, Thomas	103.52
Smith, Thomas M.	111.57
Smith, Joseph H.	80.10
Stetson, Morgan B.	91.99
Sears, George O.	112.00
Sohier, Wm. D. Est.	1192.92
Tower, A. H.	479.83
Tower, Jr., A. H.	159.76
Tower, E. E.	532.59
Tower, Frederick	54.53
Tower, Nichols, Est.	63.44
Tower, Z. B.	83.33
Tolman, Henry	458.78
Whittington, Alfred	73.95
Wilson, John	74.86
Willcutt, Myra B.	51.70
Worrick, Levi L.	68.45
Willard, C. H.	63.49
Weeks, J. H.	128.50
Wheelright, Andrew C.	147.45
Wheelright, Sarah	287.86
South Shore R. R.	156.20

Dr. Town of Cohasset in Account

1871–72.

To Paid Selectmen's Orders drawn to date,		$10,553.01
Assessors Orders for Abatements,		591.96
State Aid to Families,		664.00
Town's Appropriation for Schools,		4,100.00
Additional Amount to School Committee,		524.36
Discount on Taxes collected to Sept. 1, 1871,		1,109.33
State Tax for 1871,		3,125.00
County Tax for 1871,		1,377.59
Henry Doane, Note due April 1, 1871,		500.00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Note due April 1, 1871,		1,000.00
" " " Demand Note, due July 5, 1870,		2,000.00
" " " hired money,		4,500.00
Interest on Town's Notes,		1,246.45
		$31,291.70
Balance in Treasury, Viz.:		
Cash,	$1,426.86	
*Outstanding Taxes,	147.77	
		$1,574.63
		$32,866.33

COHASSET, February 10, 1872.

* Through the diligence of the Deputy Collector, the amount of outstanding Taxes has been reduced to a comparatively nominal sum.

with A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer, Cr.

1871–72.

By Balance in Treasury from former Account,		$ 514.47
Received of State Treasurer,	Corporation Tax,	1,747.64
" " "	National Bank Tax,	1,452.23
" " "	State Aid,	848.80
" " "	State Paupers,	193.57
" " "	Discount on Tax,	5.56
" " "	Income Mass. School Fund,	191.20
" County Treasurer,	for Dog Licenses,	131.26
" " "	Discount on Tax,	20.66
" Town of Truro,	Supplies to R. Ryder, Jr.,	33.55
" "	Abington, Supplies to G. M. Arnold,	15.64
" "	Scituate, Supplies to J. Mann,	39.39
" "	Scituate, Hingham and Quincy Bridges,	20.43
" "	Hull, Schooling of Children,	77.00
" G. T. W. Braman,	Repairs Jerusalem Road,	200.00
" J. J. Lothrop,	on Account his Son's Support,	200.00
" James Dady,	for Support of Wife, in full,	202.09
" L. N. Lincoln,	for Income Town Hall,	52.00
" I. H. Lambert,	for Furniture,	35.00
" Duxbury & Cohasset R. R.,	Damage to Carriage,	20.00
" C. E. Bates,	Use of Plow and Drills,	7.50
" Peddler,	for License,	6.00
" James Humphrey,	Hingham & Quincy Bridges,	1.23
" Cohasset Savings Bank,	Interest Ripley Fund,	124.90
" Cohasset Savings Bank,	hired money,	4,500.00
" Martin Lincoln,	Labor by Alms House Team,	50.00
" Adna Bates,	Labor by Alms House Team,	30.00
" Sundry Persons,	for Produce at Alms House,	116.91
" Amount of Tax List,	1871,	22,029.30
		$32,866.33

A. H. TOWER, JR., *Treasurer.*

TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Dr.

1871–2. HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary,	$1000 00	
1st assistant teacher's salary,	350 00	
2nd " " "	150 00	
Music " "	100 00	
E. Bates for music charts,	8 00	
E. P. Collier, preparing fuel,	2 30	
" " cleaning stoves,	50	
" " care of rooms, making fires,	44 00	
R. H. Reed, sawing ½ cord wood,	1 50	
C. J. Nichols, for ½ cord wood,	3 00	
D. W. Whitcomb, ½ cord wood,	4 50	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal and carting,	73 38	
		$1,737 18

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary,	$300 00	
David Beal, ½ cord wood and sawing,	5 25	
Welcome Beal & Co., wood and housing,	19 00	
" " wood, making fires, &c.,	22 75	
		$347 00

NORTH SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary, Grammar,	$300 00	
" " Primary,	240 00	
J. R. Coolbrith, sawing & housing wood,	12 00	
Miss Hattie Morse, sweeping,	6 00	
R. Mulvey, making fires,	2 00	
J. Apt, " "	8 00	
A. H. Tower, 4 cords wood,	30 00	
		$598 00

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary, Grammar,	$300 00	
" " Primary,	240 00	
R. H. Reed, sawing wood,	1 50	
Lewis Bates, ½ cord pine wood,	3 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal and carting,	28 09	
Franklin N. Bates, making fires,	8 00	
		$580 59

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary, Grammar,	$300 00	
" " Primary,	240 00	
David W. Whitcomb, wood,	9 00	
R. H. Reed, labor on wood,	6 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal and carting,	64 31	
Charles, making fires and care of rooms,	12 00	
		$631 31

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary, (summer term),	$150 00	
" " (winter term),	210 00	
" " Primary,	240 00	
Ezra Brown, wood and coal,	17 70	
R. H. Reed, labor on wood,	14 00	
J. W. Bates, 2nd, wood,	7 00	
Silas Bates, wood,	12 00	
Lot Bates, "	17 00	
L. W. Bates, making fires, care of rooms,	12 00	
" " labor on wood,	9 00	
		$688 70
		$4,582 78
Unexpended balance,		46 58
		$4,629 36

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By Town Appropriation,	$4,100 00	
Income from School Fund,	191 20	
" " Ripley Fund,	124 90	
" " Dog Licenses,	131 26	
" " Town of Hull for schooling,	77 00	
" " Frank Thomas "	5 00	
		$4,629 36

L. N. BATES,

Treasurer of School Committee.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN COHASSET,
For the Year 1871.

Feb. 4, 1871. Daniel F. Bates and Amelia Fraites, both of Cohasset.

Feb. 11. Louis T. Cushing of Boston, and Mary R. Johnson of Cohasset.

May 7. Gustavus Percival Pratt and Mary Miranda Pratt, both of Cohasset.

May 20. Warren Newcomb and Ellen Maria Litchfield, both of Cohasset.

June 25. Savillion F. Dalby of Scituate, and Lilian Joy Pratt of Cohasset.

June 25. Samuel G. James and Elizabeth Ann Burbank, both of Cohasset.

July 8. Nelson H. Wood and Susan E. Prouty, both of Cohasset.

Aug. 5. Edwin F. Powers of Cohasset, and Susan J. Murphy of Hull.

Oct. 23. Antonio Miller and Mary E. Fraites, both of Cohasset.

Nov. 9. Edward K. Howe and Elizabeth Bates, both of Cohasset.

Nov. 12. William M. Badger and Lucy Ann Estes, both of Cohasset.

Nov. 18. Manuel S. Elmon and Rosa Valino, both of Cohasset.

Nov. 26. James Edward Dennison of Cambridge, and Mary Elmira Lincoln of Cohasset.

Nov. 30. Hiram C. Litchfield of Scituate, and Ella Hardwick of Cohasset.

Nov. 30. Lewis L. Wheelwright of Cohasset, and Mary M. Crowell of Hingham.

July 30. Elwyn Dickerman of East Weymouth, and Dora F. Jenkins of East Weymouth.

Jan. 16. Henry D. Kilburn and Anna M. Livermore, both of Cohasset.

Aug. 15. John Silva and Phebe Miller, both of Cohasset.

Sept. 13. George H. Manuel and Fanny E. Miles, both of Cohasset.

Mar. 10. Philip D. Minot of Cohasset, and Eliza Dunbar of Scituate, were married in Boston.

Nov. 30. John Wesley Nichols of Cohasset, and Martha Capis of Boston, were married in Cambridge.

Oct. 23. Edwin Penfold and Mary E. Manuel both of Cohasset, were married in Hingham.

NAMES OF CHILDREN BORN IN COHASSET IN 1871.

Jan. 6.	Joseph W. Brown.	Near the Railroad.
Feb. 1.	Harry Francis Tilden.	Pleasant Street.
Feb. 10.	Genva Tower.	Winter "
Feb. 14.	Olive Frances Studley.	Pleasant "
Mar. 9.	Carrie Gertrude Pratt.	Beechwood "
Apr. 3.	Clara Ennice.	Snow Place.
Apr. 5.	Mary Ann Mulchay.	Pleasant Street.
Apr. 19.	Wilber Augustus Prouty.	Pleasant "
Apr. 24.	Mary Raie.	Margin "
May 4.	Favini Fraites.	Beechwood "
May 9.	Charles Silva.	Margin "
May 16.	Louisa Miller.	Elm "
June 7.	——— Bates.	Beechwood "
June 14.	Esther Ella Burges.	Beechwood "
June 24.	Catherine Ellen Ainslie.	Margin "
May 19.	Anastasia St. John.	South Main "
June 27.	John Thomas Sweeney.	Pleasant "
July 3.	Manuel Francis.	Margin "
May 22.	Alice M. Bates.	Jerusalem "
July 5.	Joseph E. Fraites.	Margin "
July 9.	Herbert Phineas Brown.	Elm "
July 23.	Edward E. Hale Souther.	North Main "
July 26.	Thomas Jefferson Murphy.	Beechwood "
Aug. 6.	Alice M. Francis.	Church "
Oct. 24.	James Alexander Williston.	King "
Aug. 6.	Frank Grosse.	Border "
Aug. 13.	Mary Peter.	Spring "
Aug. 15.	Mary Ann Jacent.	Snow Place.
Aug. 25.	John Loui Francis.	Margin Street.
Aug. 28.	Harry Gardner Studley.	Sandy Cove.
Sept. 2.	John Gracie.	Snow Place.
Sept. 14.	Effa Cordila Atwood Taylor.	Beechwood Street.
Sept. 15.	Alice Malinda Silva.	Margin "
Sept. 16.	Sarah Lorinda Pierce.	Beechwood "
Sept. 16.	Alice Sweeney.	North Main "
Sept. 19.	George Foster Higgins.	Margin "
Sept. 20.	John Smith.	Border "
Oct. 5.	William Irving Lincoln.	Beechwood "

Oct. 25.	Irving Lowell Blossoms.	Border	Street.
Oct. 26.	J. Western Litchfield.	Beechwood	"
Nov. 5.	Williams Rollins.	Margin	"
Nov. 22.	Elsie Caroline Bates.	North Main	"
Nov. 5.	Lizzie Lawrence.	Snow Place.	
Nov. 5.	Mabel Livermore Kilburn.	Winter	"
Nov. 9.	Edith Francis Hardwick.	Margin	"
Nov. 12.	Mary Martin.	Snow Place.	
Nov. 18.	Gracie Maria Crane.	Beechwood	Street.
Nov. 18.	Blanche Genevia Bogues.	Beechwood	"
Nov. 27.	Effie Louisa Cousins.	Elm	"
Nov. 27.	Daniel Francis Bates, Jr.	Beechwood	"
Dec. 3.	Mary Caroline Richards Nichols.	Winter	"
Dec. 8.	Joseph Francis Silva, Jr.	Margin	"
Dec. 13.	John S. Spurr.	Beechwood	"
Dec. 14.	Alice Nichols Pratt.	North Main	"
Dec. 16.	Lizzie Blanchard Looney.	Pleasant	"
Dec. 16.	Ernest A. Valine.	Margin	"
Dec. 18.	——— Everett.	Beechwood	"
Dec. 19.	——— Bates.	King	"
Dec. 20.	——— Damon.	Beechwood	"
Feb. 24.	William H. Sheridan.	Border	"
Apr. 2.	Lucy Emma Nichols.	Border	"
Jan. 22.	Frederick Cummings Pratt.	Spring	"
Aug. 14.	Helen Alice Olmstead.	Jerusalem	"
Nov. 16.	Drusilla Francis Litchfield.	Church	"
Apr. 29.	Patrick O'Keefe.	Jerusalem	"
Apr. 9	William Henry Totman.	Jerusalem	"
Sept. 12.	James Davis Lincoln.	Jerusalem	"
Oct. 5.	Arabella G. Beal.	Hull	"
Oct. 15	Elizabeth Frances Langton.	Jerusalem	"
Aug. 19.	George Harrison Parker.	Elm	"

DEATHS REGISTERED IN COHASSET,

For the Year 1871.

Jan.	8.	James M. Stoddard,	39	years,	3	months,		days.
"	9.	Frances E. Lincoln,	40	"	10	"		
"	28.	Mary G. Silva,			1	"		
"	29.	Russell Lane Gove,	7	"	2	"	13	"

Feb. 3.	John Manuel,	64	years,	4	months,	3	days.
Jan. 18.	Isabella Williams,	74	"	10	"		
Feb. 12.	Henry Wilber Ainslie,			1	"	13	"
Mar. 29.	Willie Francis,			10	"		
" 14.	George T. Smith,	17	"				
" 27.	Fannie Hudson,	21	"				
" 3.	Isaiah Litchfield,	81	"				
Apr. 15.	Mary Turner,	72	"	8	"		
May 12.	Mary Fisher,	22	"				
June 5.	Dawes S. Nott,	36	"	9	"		
" 6.	Lydia Pratt,	85	"	7	"		
" 6.	Patrick Kenealy,	49	"				
" 30.	John M. Lincoln,	58	"	3	"		
July 16.	Alice A. Lawrence,	22	"	2	"		
" 20.	Allen Nichols,	63	"	7	"		
" 26.	Levi B. Pratt,	6	"	4	"		
" 31.	Mary Dias,			9	"	21	"
Aug. 1.	Eva M. Willard,	17	"	9	"	5	"
" 9.	Ada McCommick,			9	"		
" 31.	Allen C. Bates, Jr.,			10	"	22	"
Sept. 16.	Henrietta L. Bates,	20	"	5	"		
" 16.	Ellen J. Campbell,	32	"	10	"		
" 26.	Charles Litchfield,	76	"	6	"		
Oct. 13.	Eleazer James,	79	"				
" 9.	Alice M. Francis,			2	"	5	"
" 18.	Mary Pearson,	5	"				
" 16.	Mary L. Tower,	42	"	2	"		
" 29.	Alice M. Bates,			5	"	7	"
Nov. 1.	Jessie Tower,	79	"	5	"		
" 19.	Fannie E. Lincoln,	10	"	6	"	15	"
" 30.	Lewis Willcutt,	68	"	3	"	4	"
Dec. 17.	Thomas Hudson,	61	"				
Aug. 2.	Elizabeth Cronican,	1	"	5	"	17	"
" 8.	Sarah Lizzie Beal,	1	"	5	"		

Natives of Cohasset who Died in Other Places.

July 14.	E. Wallis Lincoln,	38	years,	8	months,	died in Boston.
" 14.	Rebecca Nichols,	75	"	3	"	" Hingham.
Aug. 16.	Charles H. Pratt,	30	"	9	"	fell from building, in Cambridge.
Jan. 31.	Susanna Lincoln,	54	"	9	"	died in Canton.

The number of Marriages in Cohasset, including those made returnable to me for Record, is twenty-two; three more than last year.

The whole number of Births for 1871 is	70
Number born of Parents of Foreign Birth (one or both) is	25
Number of Males	31
Number of Females	39
Colored	1

Whole number of Deaths, including three who died away from home, and one who fell from a building in Cambridge, is . . . 42

Average age, 35 years, 9 months, and 17 days.

Number of Males	20
Number of Females	22

Thus making the numbers of Marriages, Births and Deaths to exceed those of last year in about the same proportion.

All errors in dates or names should be made known to the Clerk, as soon as convenient, and names given in where they are wanted.

EDWARD TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

Cohasset, February, 1872.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, March 4th, 1872.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all Town officers required by law.

Art. 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the support of Schools the current year.

Art. 5. What sum of money will the Town raise for repairs of highways, support of the Poor, and other necessary charges for the current year.

Art. 6. In what manner will the Town collect their taxes the current year, and how shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Art. 7. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and families of the slain.

ART. 8. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act thereon.

ART. 9. Will the Town accept of the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

ART. 11. Will the Town accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen, commencing on North Main Street near the house of Capt. James Collier and running easterly over Beach Place to Sandy Cove, thence to Margin Street at Merchants Dam.

ART. 12. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for widening the travel part of Jerusalem Street between Thomas Willcutt's Barn and Mulvey's dwelling house.

ART. 13. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for removing the points of the ledges near Ned Kinsley's, and also those near T. Brown's on Beachwood Street.

ART. 14. Will the Town accept of the provisions of Section 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 169 of the Acts of 1869 in relation to laying out, altering, widening and improving Streets and Ways.

ART. 15. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for widening and otherwise improving Border Street near Mill Bridge.

ART. 16. Will the Town make a special appropriation for widening the travel part of King Street between Robert T. Burbank's dwelling and Henry Nichols's.

ART. 17. Will the Town vote to compensate Melyar G. Groce and others for damage sustained by the flowing of Straits Pond.

ART. 18. Will the Town cause the Hearse house in the centre burial place, to be removed, or a new one to be built.

ART. 19. Will the Town cause the road at Cove Bridge to be raised, or otherwise to prevent the tide from flowing into the meadows above.

ART. 20. Will the Town make a special appropriation for the ordinary repairs of Jerusalem Street.

ART. 21. Will the Town cause Margin Street to be raised over the meadow between the houses of Thomas T. Spear and Charles P. Bourne, or act on anything relating thereto.

ART. 22. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to build a dam at Straits Pond, near the Bridge leading to Hull, to keep the Pond flowed to a certain height to prevent the bad odor arising from the mud in the summer months, or act on anything relating thereto.

ART. 23. Will the Town cause the bridge on Border Street near house of Martin K. Bailey's, to be widened and railed, or act on anything relating thereto.

A LIST OF JURORS,

As prepared by the Selectmen, to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town, at its Annual Meeting, March 4th, 1872.

Thomas Bates,
Loring Bates,
Thomas A. Bates,
Adna Bates.
John W. Bates,
Levi N. Bates,
Martin N. Bates,
Ezekiel Bates,
David Beal,
Isaac W. Beal,
George Beal, Jr.,
Daniel J. Bates,
William V. Creed,
Horace J. Damon,
Philip Fox,
Louis N. Lincoln,
Ephriam Lincoln, Jr.,
Caleb Lincoln,
Samuel Nichols,
Francis L. Pratt,
J. P. T. Percival,
Robert B. Pratt,
Alex. T. Prouty,
Alson S. Richardson,
Henry Snow,
Edwin Souther,
Morgan B. Stetson,
Newcomb B. Tower,
A. H. Tower, Jr.,
Thomas N. Tower,
Nichols Tower,
Thomas Willcutt,
Charles H. Wood,
Richard Wells.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR 1871-2.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS, 34 SCHOOL STREET.
1872.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COHASSET.

The most distinguishing characteristic of the schools in the town the past year has been the regularity with which their work has been carried on, their freedom from change, and the good condition of all, without exception. At the beginning of the school year the same teachers were employed in all the schools that had taught them the previous year, and all continued in their positions till the closing examinations. In the High school, Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop was employed as a second assistant for fifteen weeks before the close of the school year. She had had a number of years' experience in one of our Grammar schools before her course in the Salem Normal school. The fact that we have had experienced teachers in all the schools, who were acquainted with the condition, the attainments, and the wants of their pupils, and who had secured their confidence and obedience, has been one important cause of success.

This practice of retaining the same teachers in the same schools, year after year, has many and great advantages. It has helped very much the good order and progress of our schools. Most teachers fail in government, and in a proper appreciation and understanding of their work at first. Teaching is an art which can be learned, in most cases, only after years of practice, joined with patient labor and earnest effort, with frequent mistakes and failures. Some of those who have been numbered among our most successful teachers, in the first years of their teaching met with great difficulties, and only by patient perseverance learned to govern and teach their schools well. Then, by long association with their pupils they learn their dispositions, capacities and needs,

and how they may best assist them; while, on the other hand, the children learn to understand their teachers, and acquire confidence and respect, and often deep affection for them. A faithful and devoted teacher will, therefore, be growing more efficient and useful year by year.

But while there are those advantages, there are also dangers to be apprehended from a long continuance in the teacher's office.

There is danger of the work becoming a mere routine, — a going over and over again the same course, in a kind of mill-horse way. Wrong habits of pronunciation, of using language, of teaching, and of disciplining, may become more and more fixed and injurious to the school. Even correct methods of teaching may become so dull and mechanical as to stupefy and deaden the pupils' minds rather than quicken and instruct them. One of the most discouraging features of our schools is the liability of teaching to get into a kind of rut, from which it is almost impossible to get it out. It may be said that our whole school system is, to a certain degree, in that condition, and can effect what it ought to effect for the education of our children, only when great and radical changes have been made, the common, dull, mechanical system of teaching broken up, and more natural and vital methods adopted. The best and most successful teachers feel the incubus of routine, and of old and worn out methods and habits pressing upon them, and try to struggle against them. It is only by constant study, invention and endeavor, that they can resist the deadening tendency of habit and routine, and keep their schools up and advancing. But whenever teachers who have attained to even a moderate proficiency in teaching and discipline yield to this tendency, their schools soon begin to suffer; and although there may be nothing tangible to find fault with in them, yet they become dull, wanting in enthusiasm, and in mental excitement and progress. Teachers must therefore be always on the alert, seeking for new knowledge, new methods of teaching and instructing their pupils, and guarding watchfully against dulness and routine.

There are two excuses which teachers urge when asked why they do not move out of the beaten track, and try to do something more to quicken, interest, and instruct their pupils. One is, that

the committee might not approve of what they might attempt to do if it should be out of the general order of their school-work. This is a misapprehension. The committee would be glad to see them adopt new methods, and new experiments for interesting and teaching the children, even if they should be sometimes unfortunate in their attempts. Secondly, they say they have not time for experiments, or for teaching anything out of the common course. This, also, is an error; for occasionally one of the routine lessons and recitations of the school might be omitted for a lesson which would give the children new ideas and new interest.

With regard to the actual condition of the schools the past year, their general good condition has been stated. The four Primary schools have varied a good deal in their number of scholars,—that in the Centre having had 56 on its register for the winter term, with an average attendance of 40. There were 48 present at the closing examination. The South Primary, which is frequently larger than the Centre, had last winter but 42 names on its register, with an average attendance of 32. Both of these schools are large, and if the population continues to increase it will be expedient to build, soon, a new Primary school-house near the Cove, to accommodate the children in that vicinity, and relieve the two schools. If this should be done children could be retained longer in the Primary schools, and also in the Grammar schools, thus raising the grade of all the schools.

The teacher of the Primary school in the Beechwoods was obliged to be absent from her school, owing to ill health, from an injury, for a few weeks; but her sister supplied her place, and the school was not interrupted. In all these schools the order has been good, and commendable progress has been made by the children in reading, spelling, and arithmetic, and in all singing has been practised. Since the children have been taught to read by learning words rather than by spelling, their progress has been much more rapid.

The Grammar schools have been equally prosperous, and at the closing examination all seemed to be in a good condition. There were abundant evidences that the pupils had made good progress in their studies.

In the Centre school, Miss Litchfield, who had taught with great efficiency and success, and had proved herself to be a superior teacher, resigned her place near the close of the year, to take a position as teacher in one of the schools in Boston.

Singing has been taught in all these schools. In some of them grammar has been taught as an oral exercise. A more systematic course of study has been generally pursued than formerly, and an endeavor has been made to secure as uniform a standard as possible, as a preparation for admission into the High school.

More work has been done in the High school during the past year than ever before. The appointment of a second assistant last November to aid in instructing the additional numbers who enter the school after their summer's work is finished, and who can have but four or five months' schooling in the year, proved to be of great advantage. The principal and first assistant were enabled to continue the instruction of their regular classes, giving them as much or more time than they could give them in the summer, while the new comers were not neglected, but received more instruction than ever before. This system should be made permanent; and every year a second assistant should be employed in the cold season for five months, or as long as the school shall be so large as to make the arrangement needful.

Miss Lothrop, who was employed as second assistant, was successful in her work, and became greatly interested in teaching the classes under her care. Mr. French and Miss Rich have labored diligently and faithfully, and at the closing examination there was evidence that they had taught their classes successfully. While the common branches have received due attention, the classes in Latin, in French, and in algebra, showed that they had been well taught. Mr. Edmund Bates taught singing in the school an hour every week. A good beginning was made, and it is to be hoped that in another year much more may be accomplished. As we must depend on the High school very much to train up teachers for our common schools, it is very important that the scholars in that school receive the best and largest culture we can give them. The compensation paid to our teachers has been considerably increased. There should also be a more thorough preparation

required of them; and the literary qualifications which we deemed sufficient when we could give but small pecuniary inducements to teachers, should not be regarded as sufficient now when we can offer larger pay and have a freer choice. Our teachers' salaries are indeed now low, comparatively, and our true policy is, gradually to increase those salaries, and to raise the standard of culture, of education, and of practical efficiency on the part of teachers, and of those who design to become teachers. Our young ladies will then have a motive not only to obtain as thorough an education as possible in the High school, but also to avail themselves of the larger opportunities, and the especial training of the Normal schools. While we should pay good salaries to our teachers, we should also expect of them increased devotion to their work, and a constant endeavor by study, by self-culture, and by seeking to learn the most approved methods of teaching and governing their pupils, to raise their schools to the highest excellence.

Horace Mann, in his Tenth Annual Report, for the year 1849, wrote as follows concerning the literary qualifications of teachers: "Even for the lowest grade of schools known to the law, the teacher must be competent to give instruction in orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, and arithmetic. This is the minimum of qualification. It is lawful for districts to employ teachers who are competent to teach higher branches; or who are able to teach the common branches better, because they are masters of higher ones; who, for instance, can teach reading better, because they are familiar with the principles of elocution and rhetoric, and with the etymology of words, from whatsoever language they may be derived; and who can teach writing better, because adepts in drawing; and who can teach English grammar better, because familiar, from the study of other languages, with the principles of universal grammar; and who can teach geography better, because acquainted with astronomy, geology, statistics, and civil and natural history; and who can teach arithmetic better, because masters of the higher mathematics. So, too, a knowledge of human physiology may be required of a teacher, in order to secure the health of the children; because, on health depends their ability to go to school at all, and much also of their ability to study when in school."

The present requirements of a teacher, in addition to those enumerated, are ability to teach the "history of the United States, drawing, and good behavior." Also, "algebra, vocal music, physiology, hygiene, and agriculture, shall be taught by lectures or otherwise, in all the public schools in which the school committee deem it expedient."

With regard to the actual quality of the teaching during the year, it has, in many respects, been very satisfactory; but important improvements might be made.

Reading is the most important branch taught in the Primary and Grammar schools. Children in those schools read every school day when they attend school, constantly, for about seven years, and after they enter the High school they read perhaps twice a week, — the more backward every day, — for from three to five years longer. It would seem that in that time, children who are not utterly stupid, should become good readers. Some few do become such, but the great majority of children fail to learn to read with fluency, decision, intelligently expressing the sense and spirit of what they are reading, and giving the proper pronunciation, emphasis, and force to every word. Some of the teachers have made reading a study, and by means of assiduous drilling their scholars in articu lation, emphasis, and expression have assisted them very much in learning the art of reading. It is to be hoped that all the teachers will pay more attention to this subject; and also, by conversing with their pupils on the subject-matter of their reading lessons, explaining the meaning of what is read, and thus engaging their interest and attention, enable them to read with intelligence. Then, every reading lesson may be made an occasion for communicating a great deal of interesting information respecting many things which will help to furnish the child's mind and quicken his thoughts.

Geography is another branch, the study of which is continued for a long time. Children have daily recitations in geography during the four years which they, on an average, remain in the Grammar schools, and they continue the study of it for two or three years in the High school. Thus, they have recitations in geography every school day for six or seven years. It would seem that

during that time they ought to learn geography very thoroughly. Yet this is not the case, and when young ladies are examined as candidates for the office of teachers, they often show great ignorance of geography. One difficulty is, we have no text-book really fit for the use of our schools. Those we have are wanting either in clearness and distinctness of their maps, are defective in arrangement, or are lumbered up with a multitude of names which children ought not to be expected to remember. The only way to teach geography with success is to associate with the name of every country, city, sea, lake, river, and mountain, some fact of natural history, or of civil history, some incident or characteristic, some description, or some story, which shall be associated with it in the child's mind and fix it in his memory. By this method of teaching, the child will find ever new pleasure in studying geography, and will learn many other things equally important. The study has been taught with the common success in the schools during the year, and in some of them, particularly in the High school, with increased interest and efficiency.

Spelling and writing, branches which cannot well receive too careful and earnest attention, have been taught in all the schools with more or less faithfulness and success.

Singing has never received so much attention before, as it has been practised in all the schools, and in some it has been taught with considerable care and success. It should be made an essential part of our common-school education, and children should early learn to read music and sing. In all the schools in Germany music forms a part of the regular teaching. It is taught systematically in all the schools in our cities and large towns, and should form a part of the instruction in all the schools of this town.

Some of our teachers have given more or less attention to the teaching of drawing in their schools.

In the session of the legislature of 1870, an act was passed, the first section of which is as follows:

"The first section of chapter thirty-eight of the general statutes is hereby amended so as to include drawing among the branches of learning, which are by said section required to be taught in the public schools."

The section of the law amended required the teaching of drawing in schools in which the committee should deem it expedient. The amendment makes the teaching of drawing in the public schools imperative. And there is reason for the importance attached to it. Besides its being a valuable accomplishment, affording pleasant variety and occupation to children tired of study and of doing nothing; and besides the help it may give in learning to write, and in acquiring correct ideas of form, it may become of great practical utility to those taught it, in after life. Many young persons now enter schools of technology and of art, where a knowledge of drawing is essential, and where it will be of great benefit to them to have had previous instruction and training. Then, to men engaged in almost all departments of mechanics, in agriculture, even, and indeed, to those in almost any position in life, a knowledge of drawing may be of use. In a paper on the advantages to be derived from drawing, by the principal of the Worcester Technical School, in the last report of the Secretary of the Board of Education, the statement is made that, "The great bane of foremen in machine shops is the inability of nine-tenths of their workmen to read a working drawing so as to work from it. It is calculated that the productive efficiency of every machine shop would be increased *thirty-three per cent*, if every journeyman could read any common working drawing and work by it." The Hon. G. F. Hoar, in an argument in behalf of the Worcester Free Institute, said, "on *general principles*, the workingman is entitled to the same educational facilities, proportionally, that are accorded to the so-called 'educated classes.' The alphabet of *technical education* is *drawing*."

It is easy to understand how a knowledge of form and facility in drawing may assist the architect, the carpenter, the shipbuilder, the iron worker, and, indeed, all practising the mechanic arts; also, the teacher and lecturer, in illustrating subjects, ladies in fashioning dresses, and other works of use and beauty, and at the same time tending to cultivate the taste and the sense of beauty in all.

In this connection it might with justice be urged that in our schools there should be some instruction given in the most important facts brought to light in the progress of the physical sciences

of astronomy, geology, chemistry, botany, and physics, including the properties and forces of matter, the mechanical powers, electricity, magnetism, and heat.

It may be objected that we can hope to give our children only a smattering of these things, and can teach none of them thoroughly. This is true: but is not a smattering better than no knowledge at all? Should a child not be taught how the water is raised in his father's pump, because he cannot be made to comprehend all the laws of hydraulics? Should he not learn the principles according to which a wedge is made to split a log of wood, or a screw is made to exert its power, because he cannot understand a mathematical demonstration of the laws of dynamics? Is it any reason that he should not be taught the nature of anthracite coal that you cannot instruct him in all the facts and theories of geology? The physical sciences are now taught in such technical language, and are pursued with such thoroughness and minuteness, that no one, unless he becomes a special student in some particular field of scientific inquiry, can hope to acquire more than a very general knowledge of the different departments of physical science. But that is no reason why one should not know all he can.

But it may be said, in reply to what has been urged in behalf of a higher and broader education in our schools, that the teachers are neither qualified for this larger work and more liberal teaching, nor have they the means and opportunities to gain information, and fit themselves for their work. This is true; and as a means of fitting themselves for their work, there is needed in the town, for the use of the school teachers, and also for the use of the children in our schools, especially of those who are seeking to enlarge their acquirements and to supplement the elementary instruction acquired in the schools, and for the use of all the people of the town, a well-selected library of standard books.

It should contain the best books on the sciences, on the applied arts, on natural, civil, and ecclesiastical history, on geography, geology, agriculture, and horticulture, and on literature, together with the standard works of the best authors, ancient and modern. In addition, it should contain a good collection of books of reference, books where teachers and others might gain information on

all subjects of interest and inquiry. Such a library would do much for the improvement of our schools and for the general culture and enlightenment of the people of the whole town. New books should be added every year giving to us the latest intelligence of the scientific, industrial, political, and literary progress of the world. The town should make a liberal appropriation for such a library, which might be increased by private contributions. In addition, large numbers of state and national documents might be procured and preserved where they would be accessible to all. Newspapers and periodicals have their place, and are of great value in affording us mental excitement and amusement, and in keeping us informed of the events daily taking place, and of current history, life, and literature. But they rather give us scraps of knowledge, and merely call our attention to the science, the history, and the literature of the day. If we depend on them alone we shall acquire habits of very superficial thought and study. It is only when the avenues to sound learning and thorough study and investigation are opened by means of a large and comprehensive library, that we can make satisfactory progress in culture and learning.

The following are the statistics of the schools during the year:

	Whole Number of Scholars.		Average Attendance.	
	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.
Jerusalem School	27	24	18	18
North Primary	32	38	17½	28
North Grammar	33	34	25	25
Centre Primary	55	56	37	40
Centre Grammar	47	44	37½	37¾
South Primary	42	42	35	32
South Grammar	43	39	33	32
Beechwoods Primary	29	32	24	27
Beechwoods Grammar	37	42	27	15
High School	85	95	59	66
	430	446	313	333¾

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OSGOOD.
LEVI N. BATES.
EDWARD TOWER.

COHASSET, March 9, 1872.

Annual Report of the Selectmen

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Cohasset,

For the Year Ending February 10th, 1873.

INCLUDING THE

Reports of the Overseers of the Poor and Treasurer,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS,

WITH THE

DOINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

AND

Report of the Votes Cast at the State Election in November 1872.

BOSTON:
W. F. Brown & Co., Printers, No. 50 Bromfield St.
1873.

At a legal meeting of the voters of the Town, held March 4th, 1872,

Voted, That the Financial Report be printed in the month of February next, and that the doings of this meeting, the names of all the Jurors drawn for 1872, and the return of the Fall Elections, held in this town, be added to and printed with the Report.

EDWARD TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

MARCH MEETING RECORD.

1872.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, qualified to vote at election and in town affairs, held in the Town Hall in said Cohasset, on Monday, the fourth day of March, 1872, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the following votes were passed in pursuance of the foregoing warrant:

ARTICLE 1. Chose for Moderator, J. Q. A. LOTHROP.

ARTICLE 2. Accepted the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer and School Committee.

ARTICLE 3. Chose the following officers:

For Town Clerk, EDWARD TOWER. (Sworn.)

For Selectmen, voted to choose three on one ballot.

Selectmen. Chose
J. Q. A. LOTHROP. (Sworn.)
LOUIS N. LINCOLN. "
ADNA BATES. "

Voted to choose three Assessors on one ballot.

Chose for Assessors,

Assessors.
J. Q. A. LOTHROP. (Sworn.)
LOUIS N. LINCOLN. (by certificate.)
ADNA BATES. "

Voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor on one ballot.

Chose for Overseers of the Poor,

Overseers of Poor.
J. Q. A. LOTHROP. (Sworn)
LOUIS N. LINCOLN. "
ADNA BATES. "

For Town Treasurer, chose,

Treasurer.
A. H. TOWER, JR. (Sworn.)

Chose for one School Committee for three years,
LEVI N. BATES.

For Constables voted to chose seven on one ballot.
Chose for Constables,

Constables.
LOUIS N. LINCOLN.
ANDREW W. WILLIAMS.
D. S. G. DOANE.
ZACCHEUS RICH.
EZRA BROWN.
IRA L. PRATT.
CALEB BEAL, JR.

Voted to choose three Fence Viewers on one ballot.
Chose for Fence Viewers,

Fence Viewers.	ADNA BATES.	(Sworn.)
	THOMAS M. SMITH.	"
	LOUIS N. LINCOLN.	"

Voted to choose five Fire Wardens on one ballot.
Chose for Fire Wardens,

Fire Wardens.	ZACCHEUS RICH.	(Sworn)
	THOMAS M. SMITH.	"
	PHILLIP FOX.	"
	A. S. RICHARDSON.	"
	ISAAC W. BEAL.	"

Voted to choose three Highway Surveyors on one ballot.
Chose,

Highway Surveyors.	WARREN BATES, 2d.	(Sworn.)
	BELA JOY.	"
	EZEKIEL BATES.	"

Voted that the three Highway Surveyors should serve as Field Drivers, and

Field Drivers.	WARREN BATES, 2d,	(Sworn.)
	BELA JOY,	"
	EZEKIEL BATES,	"

were chosen Field Drivers.

For three Surveyors of Lumber,
Chose,

Surveyors of Lumber.	NEWCOMB B. TOWER.	(Sworn.)
	ZACCHEUS RICH.	"
	PHILIP FOX.	"

Voted that the Constables serve as Truant Officers.

Chose for Truant Officers,

Truant Officers. Louis N. Lincoln.
Andrew W. Williams.
D. S. G. Doane,
Zaccheus Rich,
Ezra Brown,
Ira B. Pratt,
Caleb Beal, Jr.,

And they were sworn into office for Truant Officers.

Sealer of Weights and Measures to be appointed by the Selectmen.

Pound Keeper. Augustus A. Blaney was chosen Pound Keeper and sworn.

The above officers, excepting the Assessors and one or two others, were sworn in open Town Meeting.

Article 4. $4,200. Voted to raise and appropriate forty-two hundred dollars for the support of schools the current year.

Article 5. $10,200 Voted to raise and appropriate for the repairs of Highways, support of the poor and other necessary charges for the current year, as estimated by the Selectmen, ten thousand two hundred dollars.

Article 6. Voted that the Treasurer be Collector of Taxes, and that a discount of six per cent be allowed on all taxes voluntarily paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of September next, (except school-books and highway deficiencies) and all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of November next following, shall be committed to a constable for collection, to be forthwith collected according to law.

Article 7. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes, and to pay State aid to disabled soldiers and sailors, and families of the slain. Voted to take up the 2d Article.

Chose A. H. Tower, Jr., Collector. Sworn in meeting.

Article 8. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on Guide Posts, as follows:

Guide Post. The Selectmen would respectfully represent that there is one Guide Post on Welcome Beals & Co.'s

store; one near the North school house; one at King street, on North Main street; one at Corner near Ezra Brown's store; one near the house of Robert H. Reed; one near the house of Charles Pratt; one near the house of James Pratt; one at the Cove on the Corner near the Insurance Co. Office, and one already to be erected near the pump in front of the store of Samuel Bates.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
ADNA BATES,
} *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

ARTICLE 9. Voted to accept the following list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen, viz.:

THOMAS BATES,
LORING BATES,
THOMAS A. BATES,
ADNA BATES,
JOHN W. BATES,
MARTIN N. BATES,
DAVID BEAL,
ISAAC W. BEAL,
GEORGE BEAL, JR.
DANIEL J. BATES,
WILLIAM V. CREED,
PHILIP FOX,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
EPHRAIM LINCOLN, JR.,
JOSHUA W. DAVIS,
WARREN BATES, 2d,
JOSEPH BATTLES.
CALEB LINCOLN,
FRANCIS L. PRATT,
G. P. T. PERCIVAL,
ROBERT B. PRATT,
ALSON S. RICHARDSON,
HENRY SNOW,
MORGAN B. STETSON,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
A. H. TOWER, JR.
THOMAS WILLCUTT,
CHARLES H. WOOD,
CALEB J. PRATT,
IRA B. PRATT,
ALFRED WHITTINGTON,
J. FOSTER DOANE,
JOEL W. LINCOLN,

ARTICLE 10. Voted that the financial report be printed in the month of February next, and that the doings of this meeting, the names of all the jurors drawn for 1872, and the return of the November election held in this town, be added to, and printed with the report.

ARTICLE 11. Road accepted. Voted to accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen, commencing on North Main street, near the house of James Collier, and running easterly over Beach Place to Sandy Cove, thence to Margin street at Merchants' dam; the report of which is recorded in Cohasset Book of Records for Roads.

$2,500. Voted to raise twenty-five hundred dollars to build the road and pay the land damages.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to appropriate three hundred dollars ($300) to widen the road between Thomas Willcutt's barn and Mulvey's dwelling-house.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to appropriate fifty dollars to remove points of ledges, near the dwellings of Ned Kinsley and of Timothy W. Brown, on Beechwood street.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to accept the provision of Section one, two and three, of Chapter one hundred and sixty-nine, of the acts of 1869, in relation to laying out, altering, widening and improving streets and ways.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars to be expended in widening, and otherwise improving Border Street, near Mill Bridge.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to appropriate seventy-five dollars for widening the traveled part of King street, between the dwellings of Robert T. Burbank and of Henry Nichols.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to refer the question of damage to Melzar G. Groce and others, to three disinterested men, to be appointed by the Selectmen and the parties asking for said damage.

ARTICLE 18. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to move the Hearse House from its present position.

ARTICLE 19. Voted to pass over the fourteenth Article relating to the road at Cove Bridge.

ARTICLE 20. Voted to appropriate two thousand dollars as a special appropriation for the Jerusalem street.

ARTICLE 21. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to build a sidewalk on Margin street, between the houses of Thomas T. Spear, and Charles P. Bourne.

ARTICLE 22. Voted to refer the twenty-second Article, relating to the flowing of Strait's Pond, to the Selectmen, to act as they may think best.

ARTICLE 23. Voted to appropriate two hundred dollars to widen and rail the bridge near Martin K. Bailey's.

Voted that the town retain their interest on the land on the Northeast side of Jerusalem street, near the Cold Spring, so called.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

EDWARD TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

Record of the November Meeting, 1872.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in Elections held in the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, 1872, (it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in said month,) at nine of the clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the following votes were given in to the Selectmen for the several officers named in this Warrant.

For Electors at Large.

Eben'r Rockwood Hoar, of Concord, had two hundred and forty-one.	241
John M. Forbes, of Milton, had two hundred and forty-one.	241
Chester W. Chapin, of Springfield, had fifty-seven.	57
Jonah H. Abbott, of Boston, had fifty-seven.	57

Electors for District No. 1.

William T. Davis, of Plymouth, had two hundred and forty-one.	241
George Delano, of New Bedford, had fifty-seven.	57

Electors for District No. 2.

Harrison Tweed of Taunton, had two hundred and forty-one.	241
James E. Carpenter, of Foxboro, had fifty-seven.	57

Electors for District No. 3.

Alvan Simons of Boston, had two hundred and forty-one.	241
Charles A. B. Shepard, of Boston, had fifty-seven.	57

Electors for District No. 4.

Edward H. Dunn, of Boston, had two hundred and forty-one.	241
Joseph Everdean, of Chelsea, had fifty-seven.	57

ELECTORS FOR DISTRICT No. 5.

Amos T. Breed, of Lynn, had two hundred and forty-one. 241
Richard Frothingham, of Charlestown, had fifty-seven. 57

ELECTORS FOR DISTRICT No. 6

Luther Day, of Haverhill, had two hundred and forty-one. 241
John A. Basset, of Salem, had fifty-seven. . . . 57

ELECTORS FOR DISTRICT No. 7.

John H. Hoardley, of Lawrence, had two hundred and forty-one. 241
William H. Clemence, of Lowell, had fifty-seven. . 57

ELECTORS FOR DISTRICT No. 8.

Aaron C. Mayhew, of Milford, had two hundred and forty-one. 241
Henry M. Muzzey, of Cambridge, had fifty-seven. 57

ELECTORS FOR DISTRICT No. 9.

Stephen Salisbury, of Worcester, had two hundred and forty-one. 241
Isaac Davis, of Worcester, had fifty-seven. . . . 57

ELECTORS FOR DISTRICT No. 10.

Levi Stockbridge, of Amherst, had two hundred and forty-one. 241
C. B. H. Snow, of Fitchburg, had fifty-seven. . . 57

ELECTORS FOR DISTRICT No. 11.

Henry Alexander, of Springfield, had two hundred and forty-one. 241
Charles Knox, of Chester, had fifty-seven. . . . 57

FOR ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS FOR DISTRICT No 2.

Benjamin W. Harris, of East Bridgewater, had two hundred and forty-one. 241
Edward Avery, of Braintree, had fifty-seven. . . 57

FOR GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

William B. Washburn, of Greenfield, had two hundred and forty-three. 243
Francis W. Bird, of Walpole, had fifty-six. . . 56
John Q. Adams, of Quincy, had one. 1

For Lieut. Governor.

Thomas Talbot, of Billerica, had two hundred and forty-three. 243
William L. Smith, of Springfield, had fifty-seven. . 57

For Councillor for District No. 2.

Seth Turner, of Randolph, had two hundred and forty-three. 243
Alvah Morrison, of Braintree, fifty-eight. . . . 58

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Oliver Warner, of Northampton, two hundred and forty-three. 243
George H. Monroe, of Boston, fifty-six. . . . 56
N. B. Shurtliff, of Boston, one. 1

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Charles Adams, Jr., of North Brookfield, two hundred and forty-three. 243
Levi Hayward, of Gardner, fifty-seven. . . . 57

For Auditor of Account.

Charles Endicott, of Canton, two hundred and forty-three. 243
Patrick A. Collins, of Boston, fifty-eight. . . . 58

For Attorney General.

Charles R. Train, of Boston, two hundred and forty-three. 243
Waldo Colburn, of Dedham, fifty-seven. . . . 57

Senator for Norfolk and Plymouth District.

Jedediah Dwelly, of Hanover, two hundred and forty-four. 244
D. S. Murrey, of Weymouth, fifty-seven. . . . 57
Edward Avery, of Braintree, one. 1

For County Commissioner.

Nathaniel F. Safford, of Milton, two hundred and forty-three. 243
W. Aspinwall, of Brookline, fifty-seven. . . . 57

For Representative in General Court for the First Plymouth District.

Joshua W. Davis, of Cohasset, one hundred and forty-five. 145
A. H. Tower, Jr., of Cohasset, one hundred and fifty-eight. 158

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest,

EDWARD TOWER,
Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

First Representative District, Plymouth County, 1872.

At a meeting of the Clerks of the Towns of Scituate and Cohasset, held at the North Scituate Post Office, in Scituate, on Wednesday, the sixth day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, at twelve o'clock at noon, (it being the day following an election of Representatives and the time and place legally appointed for said meeting) for the purpose of ascertaining who was elected a representative to represent said District in the General Court to be held in Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next. The Returns being duly examined it was ascertained that the number of ballots given in from the said Towns were as follows:

For Joshua W. Davis,	Scituate 196,	Cohasset, 145,	= 341
A. H. Tower, Jr.	" 152,	" 158,	= 310

Joshua W. Davis, of Cohasset, having a plurality of ballots returned was declared duly elected, and his certificate made out in accordance thereto.

JAMES L. MERRITT, *Town Clerks, Scituate,*
EDWARD TOWER, *Clerks, Cohasset.*

Attest,

EDWARD TOWER, *Town Clerk, Cohasset.*

November, 6th, 1872.

REPORT.

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

HIGH SCHOOL ROOM.

Paid	Wm. B. French, for Grate,	$1 00
"	C. W. Calkins & Co., Printing,	8 00
"	Solomon J. Hayden, Cleaning,	4 00
"	Samuel D. Tower, Repairs on Desks,	38 10
"	Samuel Bates, Stoves, Funnel, &c.,	50 22
"	Edward Tower, Key, Labor, &c.,	2 50
"	Newell Harding & Co., Bell,	2 40
"	Martin N. Bates, Labor and Stock,	7 10
"	Elijah N. Barker, Setting Glass (1871),	75
"	Charles A. Gross, Broom,	75
"	E. E. Ellms, Crayons, Ink, &c.,	22 00
		$136 82

JERUSALEM SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid	Samuel D. Tower, Repairs,	$2 75
"	Samuel Bates, Locks and Screws,	3 12
"	Lewis Willcut, Labor,	7 50
"	A. H. Tower, Jr. & Brother, Lumber,	13 10
		$26 47

SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid	Solomon J. Hayden, Cleaning,	$3 00
"	Samuel D. Tower, Repairs,	4 00
"	Samuel Bates, Hardware,	1 87
"	Edward Tower, Repairs,	1 50
"	Martin N. Bates, Labor,	2 75
"	Charles A. Gross, Broom,	40
"	E. E. Ellms, Crayons, Ink, &c.,	11 41
"	A. H. Tower, Jr., & Brother, Lumber,	1 91
		$26 84

CENTER SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid	Samuel Bates, Ventilators and Hardware,	$34 87
"	Mrs. Mulchi, Cleaning,	4 55
"	Lewis Willcutt, Labor,	3 00
"	Levi L. Nichols, Labor,	3 75
"	E. E. Ellms, Crayons, Ink, &c.,	16 62
"	M. N. Bates, Labor and Stock,	5 35
		$68 14

NORTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid	Samuel D. Tower, Glazing, &c.,	$2 00
"	Samuel Bates, Pails, &c.,	1 99
"	Martin N. Bates, Labor,	4 47
"	Margaret O'Keef, Cleaning,	4 50
"	E. E. Ellms, Crayons, Ink, &c.,	8 25
		$21 21

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL HOUSE.

"	L. Webster Bates, Glass, &c.,	$7 50
"	E. E. Ellms, Crayons, Ink, &c.,	2 90
"	Charles H. Wood, Water,	1 00
"	Ezra Brown, Brooms, &c.,	1 26
		$12 66

REMOVING SNOW FROM STREETS AND SIDE-WALKS.

Paid	John W. Bates, 2d, Side-Walks,	$40 87
"	Moses Sargent and others, Side-Walks and Streets,	70 67
"	David Beal, Side-Walks,	6 00
"	Aaron Wheeler, "	2 67
"	Thomas M. Smith, "	40 50
"	Martin K. Bailey and others, Streets,	15 34
"	Lewis Lincoln and others, "	8 25
"	Bela Joy and others, "	19 71
"	Alonzo L. Palmer and others, "	8 86
"	Ephraim L. Couilliard, "	4 00
"	Thomas Smith, Side-Walks,	10 00
"	Edwin Bates, "	5 00
"	Warren Bates, 2d, and others, Streets,	73 68

Paid	William Souther, Side-Walks and Streets,	$2 00
"	William H. Bates, "	1 50
"	Charles H. Williston, "	1 87
"	Thomas Williston, "	1 87
"	David S. G. Doane, "	4 25
"	John H. Cook, "	11 00
"	Alms-house men and Teams, Side-Walks, 1871,	16 00
	" " " " 1872,	37 50
"	C. F. B. Tilden, "	103 25
"	James O'Brien, "	10 25
"	A. E. Tilden, "	25 25
"	Michael O'Connell, "	7 25
"	Henry Smith, "	5 00
"	F. Tower, "	8 00
"	Ezekiel Bates and others, Streets,	50 31
"	A. H. Tower, Jr., and Brother, Streets,	4 00
		$594 85
	Deduct for Alms-house, Labor, Men and Teams,	55 50
		$541 35

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid	Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, carting, &c.,	$10 00
	Wm. W. Studley, steward,	30 00
	James Boyd & Son, hose,	358 85
	S. S. Railroad, freight of stones,	2 80
	Wm. Devins, flag-stones,	72 00
	28 firemen's poll taxes,	56 00
	Chas. A. Gross, refreshments,	7 17
	Samuel Bates, wash boiler and grates,	4 68
	C. H. Willard, refreshments,	7 17
	Chas. F. Tilden, labor on engine,	1 25
	M. B. Stetson & Co., oil and can,	7 32
	John Cronigan, labor on stones,	4 00
	Daniel W. Pratt, painting,	5 30
	E. E. Ellms, refreshments, oils, pails, &c.,	20 32
	Thos. Beal, straps, &c.,	3 50
	A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal,	3 56
		$594 42

TOWN HALL.

Paid Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company,	$97 80
Dorchester " " " "	112 25
Merchants and Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co.,	111 25
Samuel Bates, putting up stoves, and hardware,	3 59
	$324 89

PRINTING.

Paid W. F. Brown & Co., Town Reports,	$96 70
Alfred Mudge & Son, School Report,	33 00
Newcomb B. Tower, Tax bills and notices,	44 00
	$173 70

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

Paid order to School Committee,	$4200 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Tax, 1872,	$2600 00
County " "	1769 61
	$4369 61

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid E. E. Ellms,	$87 09

STATE AID.

Amount paid to Soldiers and Families from Feb. 1st. 1872 to Feb. 1st. 1873,	$604 00

BEACH PLACE NEW ROAD.

Paid James C. Doane, land damage,	$75	00
Heirs of Levi Nichols, land damage,	175	00
Heirs of Laban Souther, "	100	00
James Collier, "	300	00
Antone Francis, 2d, labor,	180	00
Chas. A. Gross, powder and fuse,	79	26
Samuel Bates, shovels, picks and bars,	10	27
Martin Lincoln, men and teams,	783	72
Charles F. Tilden, drills and smithing,	54	56
Alex'r. Hamilton, labor,	59	00
Joseph Gracia, "	26	00
Frank Gracia, "	97	00
Joseph F. Ennice, " and posts,	270	67
Joseph Silvia, "	75	50
Antone Silvia, "	105	50
Joseph Smith, teaming,	283	00
George M. Ennice, labor,	119	00
Job Pratt, "	30	00
Manuel Brazil, "	94	50
A. H. Tower, teaming, gravel and scow,	76	00
Patrick Downes, labor,	84	00
John Cronican, "	35	00
Caleb F. B. Tilden, teaming,	297	87
Thos. M. Smith, "	15	00
James C. Doane, sand and gravel,	43	45
Thos. Smith, teaming,	10	00
Ephraim M. Coilliard, labor,	29	00
David S. G. Doane, teaming,	69	00
Geo. W. Cousens, Jr., labor,	226	00
Thos. Williams, "	135	50
Joseph Jacinto, "	45	00
Manuel Rabbet, "	73	00
Wm. Cronican, "	4	50
Michael O'Connell, "	104	50
Barden A. Prouty, "	5	00
Frank George, "	81	00
Wm. St. John, getting gravel,	72	00
Thos. Kinsley, labor,	14	62
Antone Joseph 2d, "	36	50
Frank J. Damon, teaming,	129	00
John Howard, labor,	293	12
Thos. Gracia, "	69	50

Paid Joseph Brown, labor,	$44 00
John Sweeney, "	13 00
Stephen B. Sherman, labor,	32 00
Edwin B. Studley, "	80 00
Sylvanus F. Treat, "	34 00
Manuel Silvia, "	34 50
Isaac H. Tower, "	4 00
Barnes & Saunders, tools,	3 75
Saml. N. Lincoln, labor,	71 00
Louis N. Lincoln, "	213 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, "	25 00
Adna Bates, "	25 00
Antone George, "	24 00
M. B. Stetson & Co. shovel,	60
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro. lumber,	74 19
Thos. N. Tower, logs,	2 00
	$5,546 58

WIDENING THE ROAD AT RIDGES.

Paid Henry Wheelwright, posts and teaming,	$16 75
Thos. Mulvey, teaming,	106 00
James O'Brien, labor,	86 00
Michael O'Connell, "	81 00
William O. Keef, posts,	5 17
Enos F. Fratis, "	7 50
Chas. A. Gross, nails and spikes,	6 02
Saml. A. Bates, tools,	3 75
Thos. Bates, ploughing and grading,	8 00
Joseph F. Ennice, posts,	16 67
Alonzo L. Palmer, posts,	16 42
Chas. V. Barnes, teaming and labor,	96 00
James Mulvey, labor,	42 00
Wm. Cronican, "	38 50
Antone George, "	36 00
Frank Gracia, "	35 00
Peter L. Battles, "	1 00
Adna Bates, "	148 50
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber,	87 85
	$838 13

WIDENING ON BORDER STREET.

Paid Joseph Silvia, labor,	$31	50
Antone George, "	19	50
Enos Francis, "	23	50
James Francis "	7	00
Thos. Smith, teaming,	64	00
Joseph F. Ennice, labor,	36	87
J. Q. A. Lothrop, "	15	00
	$197	37

SIDEWALK ON MARGIN STREET.

Paid Adna Bates, labor,	$39	00
Frank Silvia, "	19	00
Manuel Rabbet, posts,	1	60
John Francis, labor,	18	00
Enos Francis, posts,	2	75
Thos. Gracia, "	6	80
Frank Antone, "	6	70
Manuel Antone, posts,		40
Henry Wheelwright, carting,	1	50
Chas. F. Tilden, smithing,	2	98
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber,	76	17
	$174	90

SPECIAL REPAIRS ON JERUSALEM ROAD.

Paid Henry Nichols, labor,	$172	00
John E. Snell, blasting and wall,	201	76
Thos. M. Smith, teaming,	25	00
Samuel Bates, tools,	17	12
John Cronican, labor,	180	40
Chas. F. Tilden, smithing,	15	41
Levi L. Worrick, Jr., labor,	133	50
Moses Sargent, teaming,	57	00
Samuel N. Lincoln, labor,	185	50
A. A. Blaney, cash paid sundry bills,	96	17
Daniel Morse, labor,	21	50

Paid Edward Morse, labor,	$118 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses,	50 00
Louis N. Lincoln, " "	10 00
Adna Bates, " "	25 00
Labor by Almshouse, teams and men,	1322 00
	$2630 36
Deduct for Almshouse, labor, men and teams,	1322 00
	$1308 36

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Joseph Silvia, labor on Strait's pond dam,	$4 00
John Cronican, " " "	4 00
Frank Gracia, " " "	3 00
James Stoddard, " " "	19 75
Geo. M. Ennice, " " "	4 00
Joseph F. Ennice, " " "	3 42
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses,	20 00
Louis N. Lincoln, " "	12 00
Adna Bates, " "	12 00
Thos. M. Smith, teaming,	20 00
Antone Francis, labor,	4 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., and Brother, lumber,	10 25
Dr. G. P. Pratt, vaccinating,	50 00
	$166 42

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1871.		1772.	
Edwd, H. Arnold,	$1 10	Heirs of Hannah K. Lawrence,	$5 00
Walter S. Beal,	2 00	Frank Peirson,	2 00
Frank Fisher,	2 00	James Mulvey,	2 00
Antone Fisher,	2 00	Edwin Pope,	25 50
John Nott,	2 00	Solomon S. Rowe,	25 50
John Powers,	2 00	Frank Stoddard,	75
Edwin F. Powers,	2 00	Wm. Parker,	5 00
Chas, H. Smith,	2 00	Estate of Merriam Burbank,	2 00
Robt. Williams,	2 00	M. A. Stephens,	1 50
Ziba C. Small,	11 30	Wm. Bates,	8 50
Mary S. Gammons,	5 50		
Eunice M. Weeks,	147 22		

Antone Peter,	$1	66	Manuel Enos,	$4	05
Sereno H. King.	25	92	James Cook,	2	00
Frank M. Martin,		85	Robt. Hornick,	2	00
Lewis Bates,	2	00	Geo. Norton,	2	00
Estate of Hannah Stoddard,	4	70	John Powers,	2	00
			Edwin F. Powers,	2	00
Est. of Lorenzo Bates,	4	50	Edw. W. Spurr,	2	00
Abner N. Bates,	2	00	Cloff Swinson,	2	00
Edw'd L. Bates,	2	00	Manuel S. Enos,	2	00
David Bates, 2nd,	2	00	Wm. M. Carter,	1	00
David C. Chamberlain,	2	00			
James Collier, Jr.,	$2	00		$329	55

REPAIRS UPON HIGHWAYS.

Bela Joy, Surveyor.

Paid Alfred Haskell,	$14	50	Martin Lincoln,	$9	00
John Kinsley,	13	00	Caleb J. Nichols,	33	50
Micajah Haskell,	11	13	Thos. Kinsley,	15	74
Frank H. Pratt,	17	28	Lewis Lincoln,	14	50
Joseph Munnies,	26	50	Francis Litchfield,	3	25
M. B. Stetson,	27	00	Horace Hancock,	7	00
Geo. W. Cousens, Jr.,	9	50	John Holland,	21	37
Henry Lincoln,	14	62	Nathl. Prouty,	4	00
Cummings Lincoln,	6	25	Joseph Smith,	3	50
Nichols Bates,	9	00	Thos. Smith,	3	50
Chas. F. Wells,	16	00	Lot Willcutt,	7	00
John L. Pratt,	6	50	Caleb Lincoln,	19	50
James Rooney,	2	00	Bela Joy,	189	00
Wm. B. Johnson,	6	00	A. H. Tower, (gravel and scow,)	26	00
Luther Jenkins,	1	75			
Caleb F.Nichols,(gravel)	2	12	Wm. St. John, (getting gravel.)	12	00
Joseph St. John, "	48	00			
Isaac Kent,	1	50			
Albert Stetson,	2	00		$604	11

Warren Bates, 2d, Surveyor.

Paid Warren Bates, 2d.	$74	00	Paid Patrick Downes,	$13	00
Thos. Mulvey,	55	00	Wm. Apt,	30	00
Chas. V. Barnes,	55	00	C. Beal,	2	50
Edw'd H. Howe,	15	00	A. W. Beal,	3	50
Thos. Bates,	15	00	Manuel Brazie,	4	50
D. S. G. Doane,	6	00	Jesse Tower,	6	00
C. F. B. Tilden,	6	00	Lincoln Morey,	6	00
John H. Cook,	2	00	Aaron Nichols,	47	50
John Cronican,	20	00	Melzer G. Groce,	49	75

Paid Galen James,	$34 00	Paid B. Dayton,	$3 00
Warren Nichols,	58 00	C. Beal,	1 00
David Beal,	9 00	Antone George,	2 50
Ezra Towle,	12 00	J. Mulvey,	2 50
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.,	22 00	Albert Stetson,	6 00
John N. Cook,	1 00	Almsh'se T'm & Men,	141 00
W. Cronican,	8 75		
Sam. L. Lincoln,	18 00		729 50
Deduct for Almshouse, Labor, Men and Teams,			$141 00
			$588 50

EZEKIEL BATES, SURVEYOR.

Paid Ezekiel Bates,	$190 00	Paid Thos. C. Whitcomb,	$7 00
Oliver H. Bates,	77 00	Ezra Brown,	4 40
Orlando Curtis,	10 00	Silas Bates,	8 00
Ira B. Pratt,	10 00	Lewis Bates,	15 00
John W. Bates, 2nd.,	14 00	Edwin Bates,	32 00
Chas. H. Woods,	8 00	Lot Bates,	35 50
Howard Pratt,	22 00	Thos. Lincoln, Jr.,	33 00
Francis L. Bates,	8 00	Levl Lincoln,	3 00
Thos. Lincoln,	30 00	T. W. Brown,	8 00
Franklin Stoddard,	2 00	John Souther,	8 00
Thos. Murphy,	7 00	T. L. Burbank,	15 00
Joseph Munnies,	2 00	S. G. James,	26 00
Galen James,	10 00		
David W. Whitcomb,	15 50		$600 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Caleb Beals, Jr., highways for 1871,	$10 00
Henry Nichols, labor North Main street,	8 00
Thomas M. Smith, horse hire,	10 00
Isaac Kent, labor on Mill bridge,	7 50
Amos C. Locke, extension of King street,	50 00
Aaron Pratt, " " "	68 00
Isaiah Lincoln, gravel,	10 00
Francis L. Bates, labor on bridge, Beechwood street,	8 00
Lewis Bates, gravel,	6 00
S. S. Gove, painting guide-boards,	5 00
Waldo C. Locke, gravel,	10 80
Ezekiel Bates, "	28 50
John Howard, Labor on Mill bridge,	6 37
John Bates, wharfage on gravel,	3 00
Charles A. Gross, powder, King street,	5 80

Paid Samuel N. Lincoln, labor on North Main street,	$6 00
Asa French, balance of costs and expenses for counsel, on Hingham and Quincy bridges, and other matters,	250 00
Henry Nichols, labor on King street,	3 00
Otis V. Barnes, " "	8 00
Robert T. Burbank, " "	8 75
Charles F. Tilden, smithing, King street,	2 15
Caleb F. Nichols, gravel,	21 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Brother, lumber for Mill bridge,	73 78
" " " " " Beach street "	5 05
Almshouse, men and teams,	92 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services,	10 00
Louis N. Lincoln, "	5 00
Adna Bates, "	5 00
Edward Tower, surveying,	3 00
John Cronican, labor on King street,	8 00
	$737 70
Deduct for Almshouse, labor, men and teams,	92 00
	$645 70

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Joseph Osgood, Services on School Committee,	$47 00
Edward Tower, " " " "	40 00
Levi N. Bates, " " " "	24 75
J. Q. A. Lothrop, " as Selectman,	75 00
" " " and expences on State Aid,	30 00
" " " as Assessor,	125 00
" " " & expences on Corpora'n Tax,	75 00
Louis N. Lincoln, " as Selectman,	50 00
" " " as Assessor,	125 00
" " " on State Aid,	6 00
Adna Bates, " as Selectman,	50 00
" " " as Assessor,	125 00
" " " on State Aid	6 00
Allen C. Bates, Salary as Sealer of Weights & Meas.,	50 00
Edward Tower, Town Clerk,	79 90
A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer and Collector,	200 00
	$1108 65

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Lothrop, Hayden & Tilden, Distributing Report,	$3 00
Doane and Osgood, Distributing School Reports,	2 50
James L. Vialle, Lodging Travellers,	4 50
Charles A. Gross, Stationery,	5 32
L. N. Lincoln, Posting Town Warrants,	8 00
" " Opening Hall and attending Meetings,	8 00
" " Services as Constable & Truant Officer,	18 00
" " " under Dog Law,	3 00
" " Carrying Pauper to State Almshouse, and Expences,	14 85
Samuel D. Tower, Horse hire, School Committee,	3 00
Adna Bates, Mending Flag,	5 00
Charles F. Tilden, Mending Pump,	1 00
Thomas M. Smith, Horse hire, School Committee,	5 00
" " " Assessors,	12 50
" " " Co'ty Com'rs & Selectmen,	16 95
David W. Whitcomb, Town Lines,	4 00
D. S. G. Doane, Truant Officer and Constable,	15 75
Charles F. Tilden, Snow Plow,	15 00
Beals' Express,	13 25
J. Q. A. Lothrop, Services as Committee,	10 00
Louis N. Lincoln, " "	10 00
Adna Bates, " "	10 00
Newcomb Bates, Ringing Bell,	5 00
" " Care of Clock,	25 00
C. F. B. Tilden, Horse hire, School Committee,	4 00
" " " Selectmen,	14 00
Edward Tower, Postage, Stationery, &c.,	13 81
Ezra Towle, Return of Deaths,	2 70
Ward, Howe & Co., Badges for Constables,	18 00
	$271 13

RECAPITULATION.

Expenditures on School Houses,	$292 14
Removing Snow from Streets and Sidewalks,	541 35
Fire Department,	594 42
Town Hall,	324 89
Printing,	173 70
School Appropriation,	4200 00
State and County Tax,	4369 61
School Books,	87 09
State Aid,	604 00
Beach Place New Road,	5546 58
Widening Road at Ridges,	838 13
Widening Border Street,	197 37
Sidewalk Margin Street,	174 90
Special Repairs on Jerusalem Street,	1308 36
Board of Health,	166 42
Abatement of Taxes,	329 55
Repairs upon Highways,	1793 01
Roads and Bridges,	645 70
Town Officers,	1108 65
Miscellaneous,	271 13
Orders to Overseers of Poor,	4736 09
Amount of Orders Drawn by Selectmen,	$28,303 09

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,

February 10th, 1873.

AMOUNT OF FUNDED DEBT.

Cohasset Saving Bank, eight notes due 1873, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80,	$8,000 00
Levi Lincoln, one note due in 1873,	500 00
Estate of Calvin Merriam, note due in 1874,	500 00
" Newcomb Bates, " " " 1875	500 00
Cohasset Mut. F. Ins. Co., two notes on demand,	1,600 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, " " "	7,000 00
M. B. Stetson & Co., Feb. 7th, 1873, note on demand,	1,000 00
Hingham Nat. Bank, Feb. 10th, 1873, note on demand,	1,500 00
	$20,600 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

February 10, 1873.

Due from the State for State Aid,		$1,425 72
" " " " " " paupers,		925 27
" " John J. Lothrop,		342 13
" " Town of Hull for schooling,		77 00
" " " " " Strait's pond,		36 21
" " Lot Willcutt,		45 90
" " Chas. S. Bates, loam and labor,		59 50
Amount in Treasury, Feb. 10th, 1873,		1,032 57
" due on Corporation Tax,		637 63
		$4,581 93
Amount of Interest paying debt,	20,600 00	
Deduct assets of the town,	4,581 93	
Actual debt,		$16,018 07

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
ADNA BATES.
} *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1873.

Almshouse Account.

Stock on hand, February 1st, 1872,	$2389 39
A. A. Blaney, salary,	450 00
E. H. Brabrook, bedsteads,	5 75
Mary Knights, labor,	25 00
Chas. F. Tilden, express wagon,	135 00
Henry Cushing, harness,	42 50
Thomas M. Smith, teaming, 1870,	27 00
Mass. Ploughman,	2 50
Bridgeman & Peabody, baskets,	3 25
Ezra Brown, for grain and groceries,	258 99
Chas. A. Gross, for grain and groceries,	81 24
Hingham Bakery, bread,	7 11
Ephraim M. Coulliard, labor,	225 00
Willie Souther, labor,	210 00
Samuel Bates, stove, tin ware and tools,	40 47
Samuel G. James, ploughing,	7 50
Charles H. Willard, groceries,	35 83
Charles F. Tilden, smithing,	9 65
M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries,	51 37
Susan Bates, labor,	32 50
J. Hicks & Co., groceries,	81 54
John B. Souther, furniture,	84 50
Susan J. Bates, labor,	5 50
Lewis Bates, dressing hogs,	4 00
James St. John, tailoring,	3 00
Daniel W. Pratt, paint,	2 30
Frank J. Damon, smithing,	42 66
Philander Bates, shoes, &c.,	9 05
A. W. Hayden, whitewashing,	8 30
G. P. Pratt, medicine and attendance,	21 75
A. H. Tower, barley,	3 75
John Souther, cobbling,	4 90
James W. Nichols, apples, &c.,	9 54
Robt. T. Burbank, making cider, and repairs on sled,	5 59
E. E. Ellms, groceries and clothing,	44 03
Caleb F. Nichols, socks,	75
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal,	47 10
Polly Coin, labor,	27 50
Bourne & Nickerson, beef, &c.,	140 13

Charles F. Wells, potatoes,	$1 25
Galen James, onions,	3 00
L. W. Bates, labor,	7 00
Mrs. Finagan, "	14 00
Wm. Torrey, pigs,	17 90
A. A. Blaney, cash sundry bills,	18 70
Overseers of Poor, services,	105 00
Estate of Calvin Merriam, groceries,	37 12
James H. Nichols, groceries,	97 29
	$4,887 20

Stock at Almshouse, February 1st, 1873.

1 farm wagon,	$100 00	8 tons English hay,	$240 00
2 horse carts,	130 00	1 ton salt hay,	15 00
1 express wagon,	120 00	Lot manure,	76 00
1 covered "	35 00	1 Grindstone,	2 00
1 hay "	4 00	Farming tools,	40 00
1 wagon body,	10 00	Drills, hammers, &c.,	25 00
1 stone drag,	6 00	6 iron chains,	10 00
3 ploughs,	15 00	1½ cords hard wood,	10 50
1 horse sled,	15 00	15 " "	75 00
1 sleigh,	5 00	¾ ton coal,	7 50
1 harrow,	6 00	Carpenter's tools,	3 50
2 cart harnesses,	40 00	Saws, axes and hatchets,	11 00
2 wagon "	50 00	2 paint brushes,	2 00
1 lead harness,	12 00	Meal and bags,	5 80
2 horses,	500 00	400 lbs. salt pork,	40 00
2 cows,	150 00	70 " lard,	8 40
36 hens,	25 00	45 " butter,	18 00
1 hog,	12 00	160 " hams and shoulders	16 00
40 lbs. fresh pork,	4 00	Casks and barrels,	18 00
½ bbl. flour,	6 00	Wooden ware, &c.,	30 00
Groceries,	32 00	Tin, earthen and stone ware,	50 00
4 bbls. apples,	10 00	Queen and glass ware,	20 50
74 gallons cider,	14 80	Cutlery and spoons,	9 50
23 bushels potatoes,	23 00	4 stoves and fixtures,	120 00
Roots,	5 00	Household furniture,	360 00
2 carriage robes,	12 00		$2,555 50

ALMS ACCOUNT OF SALES AND LABOR.

Cr.

By James W. Nichols, eggs and chickens,		$3 25
J. Q. A. Lothrop, butter,		9 25
L. N. Lincoln, "		4 40
Adna Bates, "		2 80
Bourne & Nickerson, calves,		26 16
Town of Cohasset, posts,		11 10
Labor on Streets, by men and teams,		1,608 50
		$1,665 46
Amount of sales and labor,	$1,665 46	
" " stock on hand,	2,555 50	
	$3,220 96	
Debit brought forward,		$4,887 20
Credit " "		3,220 96
Almshouse debtor to balance,		$666 24
Expenses of inmates at the Almshouse 255 weeks at $261\frac{69}{255}$ per week, amounts to		$666 24

SUPPORT OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1st, 1873.

Paid State Lunatic Hospital for David Willcutt,		$244 38
" " " " Josephine E. Bates,		186 20
" " " " John J. Lothrop, Jr.,		191 75
" " " " Elizabeth J. Dady,		201 74
" " " " William Kilburn,		185 95
" " " " William Taylor,		99 50
		$1109 52

ASSISTANCE TO ISABELLA SILVIA.

Paid C. F. Nichols, flour and groceries,	$38 25	
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	2 25	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal and wood,	20 75	
		$61 25

Assistance to Manuel Joseph.

Paid C. F. Nichols, flour and groceries,	$63 67	
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal and wood,	20 00	
Philander Bates, shoes,	1 65	
		$85 32

Assistance to David Vinal.

Paid E. E. Ellms, groceries,	$141 00	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	10 00	
Bourne & Nickerson, beef,	5 27	
Wm. Souther, wood,	14 50	
		$170 77

Assistance to Mrs. Joseph Root.

Paid Wellcome Beal & Co, groceries,	$18 74	
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal and wood,	8 25	
		$26 99

Assistance to Mrs. Carter.

Paid Wellcome Beal & Co., groceries,	$13 66	
J. Hicks & Co., groceries,	48 56	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal	8 00	
		$70 22

Assistance to Joseph P. Wheelwright.

Paid Ezra Brown, groceries,	$135 86	
Howard Pratt, groceries,	39 68	
Lot Bates, wood,	31 52	
		$207 06

Assistance to John Willcut.

Paid Robert T. Burbank, wood,	$35 00	
Samuel Bates, lamp, can and fluid,	1 00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	6 75	
Estate of Calvin Merriam, groceries,	5 19	
James H. Nichols, groceries,	49 58	
Bourne & Nickerson, beef,	19 04	
		$116 56

Assistance to Julia Thompson.

Paid C. F. Nichols, groceries,	$6 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal and wood,	6 50	
		$12 50

ASSISTANCE TO MRS. JESSE TOWER.

Paid Wm. Souther, wood,	$4 00	
Chas. A. Willard, groceries,	30 79	
Wm. F. Thayer, beef,	7 98	
		$42 77

ASSISTANCE TO ISAAC H. TOWER.

Paid C. F. Nichols, groceries,	$30 20	
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal,	3 00	
		$33 20

Paid North Bridgewater for L. L. Minot,	$22 00	
City of Boston, for Eunice Sterling,	68 88	
" " " Sarah P. Joy,	44 88	
" " " Elizabeth J. Nichols,	36 87	
" " " John C. Orcutt,	16 38	
		$189 01

ASSISTANCE TO HENRY WILLISTON.

Paid G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	$8 00	
C. F. Nichols, groceries,	24 28	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal,	10 50	
		$42 78

Paid A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal for Wm. Hayden,	$5 50	
Overseers of Poor, services and expenses,	105 00	
		$110 50

Cr.

Amount due from John J. Lothrop,	$191 75	
" " " Elizabeth J. Dady,	201 74	
" " " Estate of Joanna C. Mulvey,	82 00	
Amount due from Estate of Joseph Pearson,	70 00	
	$545 49	

Outside expenses brought forward,	$2278 45
" credit " "	545 19
" expenses Dr. to Balance,	$1733 26

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
ADNA BATES,
Overseers of Poor, Cohasset.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of Real Estate, May 1st, 1871,		$1,064,610 00
" Personal, " " "		830,968 00
		$1,895,578 00
Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1872,		$1,208,503 00
" Personal, " "		860,012 00
		$2,068,515 00
Increase in Valuation in 1872,		$172,937 00
Number of Polls, May 1st, 1871,	564	
Tax on Polls and Estate,		$21,813 15
Rate per cent on $1000,	$10 00	
Number of Dwelling Houses, May 1st, 1872,		475
" Horses " " "		177
" Cows, " " "		207
" Sheep, " " "		109
" Acres of Land taxed, May, 1st, 1872,		5,815⅔

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED THE ENSUING YEAR.

For Payment of Debt,	$1,500 00
" Interest,	1,500 00
Discount on Taxes,	1,000 00
Support of Poor,	2,200 00
Roads and Bridges,	600 00
Removing Snow,	500 00
Repairs on School Houses,	300 00
Support of Schools,	4,700 00
Repairs of Highways,	2,000 00
Town Officers,	1,000 00
Printing, and Fire Department,	500 00
Miscellaneous,	400 00
Special Repairs, Jerusalem Road,	3,000 00
	$19,200 00

LIST OF PERSONS WHO PAY A TAX OF $50 AND UPWARDS.

Bates, Jonathan B.	$114	54	Muzzey, Edward W.	$59	00
Bryant, Elij. B.	513	73	Perkins, T. Henry, trustee	540	00
Bryant, Henry, heirs	2000	00	Moors, J. B,	184	50
Bates, Warren 2nd.	61	81	McCormick, James	63	07
Bates, Levi N.	73	80	Nichols, Caleb, Est.	63	39
Bates, John	350	90	Oakes, Ruth J.	126	57
Bates, Thomas	67	28	Pratt, Paul, Est.	92	00
Bates, John W.	164	48	Parker, William	647	98
Baker, Abiah	79	08	Pratt, Charles	55	21
Beal, George Jr.	59	50	Pratt, James	60	66
Bourne, Richard	70	83	Perkins, T. Henry	210	75
Brown, Washington	154	11	Pratt, Job	52	30
Bates, Martin, Est.	313	05	Peters, Edward D.	114	62
Bramman, G. T. W.	128	75	Pope, William	65	00
Collier, James	14	50	Richardson, Thomas	220	10
Cousens, Charles A.	63	13	Richardson, Thomas F.	218	82
Cunningham, Charles Est.	59	38	Rowe, Solomon S.	65	00
Cunningham, Edward	231	87	Snow, Ephraim	187	85
Doane, James C.	57	25	Souther, Laban, Est.	68	14
Hudson, Thomas, Est.	68	75	Smith, Thomas	93	54
Higginson, Waldo	318	27	Smith, Thomas M.	101	99
Hall, James	161	00	Smith, Joseph H.	73	00
Howe, John C.	52	00	Stetson, Morgan B.	93	65
Hyde, Henry D.	61	50	Sears, George O.	125	00
Hollinsworth, Lyman	156	62	Sohier, Wm. D. Est.	201	60
Johnson, Wm. B.	268	74	Tower, A. H.	451	41
Joy, Bela	87	87	Tower, A. H. Jr. & Bro.	180	94
Kimball, Peter C.	96	50	Tower Edward E.	518	36
Kneeland, Samuel	98	00	Tower, Nichols Est.	64	42
Lincoln, Ephraim	86	83	Tower, Z. B.	76	50
Lawrence, Sarah J.	61	95	Tolman, Henry	427	25
Lincoln, Martin	91	03	Tobey, Theodore F.	78	91
Lincoln, Cornelius	78	00	Whittington, Alfred	66	15
Lothrop, Bethia	237	08	Willcutt, Myra B.	67	55
Lothrop, John J.	80	51	Worrich, Levi L.	67	91
Lincoln, Zenas D,	54	00	Willard, Charles H.	58	15
Leonard, Joseph	76	50	Wheelwright, Sarah	267	59
Little, James H.	57	00	Weeks, James H.	132	80
Merriam, Calvin, Est.	50	48	Weeks, Eunice M.	167	25
Masters, Mary	54	50	Wheelwright, A. C.	157	88
Muzzey, Frank B,	55	00			

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR.

March 22. Francis L. Pratt,
March 22. Warren Bates, 2d.,
April 13. A. H. Tower, Jr,,
May 7. Isaac W. Beal,
Aug. 24. J. Foster Doane,
Sept 13. Martin N. Bates,
Nov. 25. Adna Bates,
Dec. 9. Thomas Bates,
1873, Feb. 4. Caleb Lincoln,

A LIST OF JURORS,

As prepared by the Selectmen, to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town, at its Annual Meeting, March 3d, 1873.

J. Milner Allen,
Loring Bates,
Thomas A. Bates,
John W. Bates,
Daniel J. Bates,
David Beal,
Solomon J. Beal,
George Beal,
George Bates,
John Bates,
Washington Brown,
William V. Creed,
Philip Fox,
Ephraim Lincoln, Jr.,
Ira B. Pratt,
John Howard,
Jesse C. Hayden,
Thomas Lincoln, Jr.,
John H. Morgan,
Robert B. Pratt,
C. James Pratt,
Daniel W. Pratt,
Alex. T. Prouty,
Alson S. Richardson,
Henry Snow,
Morgan B. Stetson,
Newcomb B. Tower,
Thomas Willcutt,
Charles H. Wood,
Alfred Whittington,
Charles F. Tilden,
C. F. B. Tilden,
Nichols Tower,
Andrew W. Williams,

TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Dr.

1872-3. HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Principal's Salary,	$1000 00	
1st Assistant teacher,	350 00	
2d " "	150 00	
Music, sixteen weeks,	32 00	
Collier & Lincoln, care of rooms and fires, to July 1st,	17 60	
Collier & Lincoln, labor on wood,	2 00	
Mrs G. E. Merriam, one cord of wood,	9 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal,	81 87	
Lincoln & Collier, care of rooms and fires twenty-four weeks,	26 40	
Lincoln & Collier, labor on wood,	7 00	
		$1,675 87

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary,	$300 00	
David Beal, wood,	32 00	
J. Beal, making fires, Spring of '72,	2 60	
		$334 60

NORTH SC OOL.

Paid teacher's Salary, Grammar,	$300 00	
" " Primary,	240 00	
P. Cronican, labor on wood,	22 25	
John Mulvey, making fires,	2 00	
E. E. Tower, half cord of wood,	2 50	
A. H. Tower, seven cords of wood,	54 00	
J. R. Colbrith, labor on wood,	3 50	
Collier & Doane, care of rooms and fires,	8 00	
		$632 25

CENTER SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary, Grammar, . .	$300 00	
" " Primary, . .	240 00	
Franklin N. Bates, labor on wood, .	3 00	
J. W. Bates, half cord of wood, .	3 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal, . . .	44 32	
R. H. Reed, half cord of wood, (sawed)	4 68	
Franklin N. Bates, care of rooms and fires, ...	12 00	
		$607 00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary, Grammar, . .	$300 00	
" " Primary, . .	240 00	
Mrs. G. E. Merriam, half cord of wood,	4 50	
Charles B. Pratt, making fires, .	12 00	
Labor on wood, . . .	2 25	
A. H. Tower, Jr., coal, . .	49 20	
		607 95

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL.

Paid teacher's salary, additional on account of last year, . .	$10 00	
Teacher's salary, Grammar, (summer term)	150 00	
Teacher's salary, Grammar, winter term,	210 00	
" " Primary, .	240 00	
Lot Bates, wood, . . .	32 50	
R. H. Reed, labor on wood, .	14 00	
Silas Bates, one cord of wood, .	6 00	
Lewis Bates, two cords of wood, .	14 00	
L. W. Bates, labor on wood, . .	9 00	
W. W. Bates, making fires, .	4 00	
		$689 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for drawing cards for primary school,	$1 50	
Blank books for School Committee,	1 75	
Half dozen Manual of Commerce,	4 50	
Tuning piano in High School,	2 00	
		$9 75
		$4556 92
Unexpended balance,		162 09
		$4,719 01

Cr.

By unexpended balance of last year,	$46 58
Town appropriation,	4,200 00
Cash of H. Mott, for schooling child,	15 00
Massachusetts School Fund,	184 82
For Dog Licenses,	135 81
Town of Hull, schooling children,	76 80
Ripley School Fund,	60 00
	$4,719 01

L. N. BATES,

Treasurer of School Committe.

Cr. Town of Cohasset in Account

1872–73.

To Paid Selectmen's Orders drawn to date,	$18,799.93
Assessors Orders for Abatement of Taxes,	329.55
State Aid to Families,	604.00
Town's Appropriation for Schools,	4,200.00
Additional items " "	472.43
Discount on Taxes to Sept. 1, 1872,	1,119.66
State Tax for 1872,	2,600.00
County Tax for 1872,	1,769.61
Henry Doane, Note due April 1, 1872,	500.00
Cohasset Savings Bank, Note due April 1, 1872,	1,000.00
" " " hired money,	2,000.00
Interest on Town's Notes,	1,150.70
	$34,545.88

Balance in Treasury,	1,032.57
	$35,578.45

COHASSET, February 10, 1873.

with A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer. Dr.

1872–73.

By Balance in Treasury from former account,	$1,574.63
Received of State Treasurer, National Bank Tax, 1871, additional,	12.08
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1871, additional,	43.83
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation, Tax, 1872,	1,510.99
" " " State Aid,	678.00
" " " Income Mass. School Fund,	184.22
Received of State Treasurer Discount on State Tax,	25.33
" County " for Dog Licences,	135.81
" " " Discount on County Tax,	29.50
" Town of Truro, supplies to R. Ryder, Jr., 1871,	25.28
" " Scituate, " Josiah Mann,	14.05
" " Hull, schooling of children,	76.80
" " " repairs Strait's Pond Dam,	27.48
" " Hingham, perambulating Town line,	4.00
" Jno. J. Lothrop, on account his son's support,	285.00
" James Dady, for support his wife, in full,	201.74
" Louis N. Lincoln, income Town Hall,	31.00
" Peddler, for License,	8 00
" A. Williams, for labor on road,	4.00
" Martin Lincoln, " by Almshouse teams,	20.00
" Sundry Persons, for produce from Almshouse,	45.81
" Joseph F. Ennice, Plank from Mill Bridge,	10.38
" Estate Joanna Mulvey, by J. Q. A. Lothrop Administrator,	82.00
" Estate Joseph Pearson, in full, for supplies,	70.00
" Henry Mott, for schooling of son,	15.00
" Interest of Ripley Fund,	60.00
" Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money,	5,000.00
" Hingham Nat. Bank, " "	1,500.00
" Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., hired money,	1,000.00
" M. B. Stetson, & Co., " "	1,000.00
" Amount of Tax list 1872,	21,903.52
	$35,578.45

A. H. TOWER, JR., *Treasurer.*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN COHASSET

For the Year 1872.

Jan. 1. 1872. Elbridge Gerry Stetson of Randolph, and Mary Elizabeth Ainslie, of Scituate.

Jan. 1. William H. Ainslie and Harriet F. Stetson, both of Randolph.

Jan. 24. James H. Nichols and Ruth N. Snow, both of Cohasset.

Jan. 11. Stephen Burnes and Mary Tatris, both of Cohasset, married in Hingham.

Feb. 17. Manuel Silverie Fegundes and Iselie Amelia, both of Cohasset.

Apr. 18. Charles W. Rich and Clara B. Pratt, both of Cohasset.

Apr. 22. Manuel P. Silvia and Mary E. Enos, both of Cohasset.

May 26. Louis N. Bates and Ruth B. Turner, both of Cohasset married in Boston.

June 6. Henry T. Ripley of Boston, and Ella J. Perkins, of Cohasset.

June 5. Frank A. Feild of Boston, and Mary E. Towle, of Cohasset.

July 7. Stephen Litchfield and Jane E. Litchfield, both of Scituate. Married in Cohasset.

Aug. 3. Joseph Roza Brazil and Florenda R. Silva, both of Cohasset, married in Cohasset.

Oct. 23. Leonard F. Ripley and Margaret Dowey, both of Cohasset.

Aug. 8. Horace Litchfield and Mary Olive Jackson, both of Scituate, married in Cohasset.

Sept. 22. Augustus A. Randal and Elizabeth L. Notte, both of Cohasset.

Oct. 9. James L. Battles of Cohasset, and Augustus K. Weeks of Scituate.

Oct. 31. Daniel N. Tower and A. Josephene Smith, both of Cohasset.

Oct. 30. George Henry Bellows of Scituate, and Addie Emiline Bates of Cohasset.

Oct. 30. Amiel Studley and Hannah N. Clarke, both of Cohasset.

Nov. 6. Willie Augustus Newcomb and Hannah Thomas Brown, both of Scituate, married in Cohasset.

Nov. 17. Osburn Wood and Adaline P. Peakes, both of Cohasset, married in Hingham.

Dec. 2. Joseph E. Smith and Mary O. Joseph, both of Cohasset. married in Weymouth.

NAMES OF CHILDREN BORN IN COHASSET IN 1872.

Jan. 13.	Mary E. Traites,	Margin Street.
Feb. 13.	Samuel Francis James,	King Street.
Jan. 1.	Mary J. Sweeney,	Margin Street.
Jan. 12.	Frederick M. Humphrey,	Hull Street.
Jan. 29.	Edith McCormick,	Pond Street.
Feb. 6.	Michael Joseph P. Brane,	Pleasant Street.
March 13.	Mary Ann Stoddard.	Church Street.
April 2-	Edward Franklin Tyrer,	North Main Street.
May 8.	Imogen Genieve Barker,	Pleasant Street.
June 7.	—— Bates,	Beechwood Street.
June 12.	Hellen Curtis Pratt,	Beechwood Street.
July 4.	John Traites,	
July 7.	Nellie C. Francis,	Margin Street.
July 11.	Sarah M. Gillis,	Near Railroad.
July 13.	Jessie Everett Hayden,	Summer Street.
July 20.	Kate Silva,	Border Street.
July 22.	Anna George,	Margin Street.
July 31.	Lilla Catherine Rooney,	Border Street.
Aug. 26.	Peter William Henry,	North Main Street.
Aug. 24.	Fannie Gertrude Beal,	Hull Street.
Sept. 9.	Avis Amertia Taylor,	Beechwood Street.
Sept. 13.	Millie Russell Tower,	Elm Street.
Sept. 18.	Sadie Perkins Dyer,	Beechwood Street.
Sept. 20.	Rosa Gruen,	Snow Place.
Sept. 26.	Mary Joseph,	
Sept. 30.	Mary Willard Lincoln,	South Main Street.
Oct. 15.	Herman G. James.	King Street.
Oct. 20.	Mary Trancis,	Margin Street.
Oct. 20.	Hattie Newcomb,	Beechwood Street.
Nov. 20.	William Rufus Colbrith,	S. Eleazer's Lane.
Nov. 23.	Charles Franklin Hamilton,	Pleasant Street.
Dec. 20.	Anna Traites,	
Dec. 23.	Wilie Silvia Tugernites,	Snow Place.
Dec. 28.	Anna Pratt,	North Main Street.
Dec. 29.	Litchfield,	Beechwood Street.
Dec. 29.	William Patterson O'Conner,	Pleasant Street.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN COHASSET,

For the Year 1872.

Jan. 1.	Clara B. Ellms,	9	years,	2	months,		days.
Feb. 9.	Ezra Towle,	68	"				
Mar. 4.	Sylvanus G. Pratt,	54	"				
Mar. 12.	Matthew Mulvey,	22	"	3	"	25	"
Mar. 24.	Warren Orcutt,	72	"				
Mar. 27.	Merriam Burbank,	80	"	2	"	27	"
Apr. 3.	Joanna Mulvey,	66	"				
Apr. 30.	Calvin Merriam,	46	"	4	"		
Apr. 30.	Martha J. Gross,	33	"	9	"	15	"
May 14.	Eugene Francis Ward,	1	"	11	"	3	"
May 30.	Imogen Barker,	25	"	11	"		
June 1.	Minot Pratt,	64	"	4	"		
June 3.	Benjamin Barnes,	59	"	4	"	14	"
July 7.	Thomas Cobb,	54	"	7	"		
July 8.	Hannah Stoddard,	91	"	5	"	8	"
July 18.	Evelina Lawrence,	64	"	7	"	25	"
July 19.	Nancy P. Smith,	35	"	4	"	12	"
Aug. 4.	Ruth Brown,	66	"	3	"		
Aug. 15.	Wm. B. Johnson,	61	"				
Aug. 16.	Phebe Francis,	75	"				
Sept. 7.	Frank Gracia,	1	"				
Oct. 21.	Effie Florence Lincoln,	20	"	1	"		
Oct. 23.	Amos Coolidge,	75	"	8	"	21	"
Nov. 1.	Betsey P. Donnelly,	52	"	10	"	3	"
Nov. 26.	Anna C. D. Estes,	18	"	11	"	6	"
May 14.	Theodocia O. Stoddard,	76	"	4	"		"

Natives of Cohasset who Died in Other Places.

Jan. 23.	George W. Tower,	31 years,	died in Boston.
Apr. 25.	Susan E. Giles,	25 " 6 months, 5 days,	Troy, N.Y.
July 31.	George H. Parker,	1 "	Boston.
Aug. 5.	Henry Snow,	27 days,	Boston.
Dec. 27.	Irene W. Beal,	48 " 4 months,	Hingham.

The number of marriages in Cohasset, including those made returnable to me for Record, is twenty-two, the same as last year.

The whole number of births for 1872 was . .	36
Number born of Parents Foreign Birth, (one or both) is	20
Number of males, ...	14
Number of females, ...	22

It will be seen the number of Births is about one-half of last year's number.

The whole number of Deaths including five who died away from home, is . . .	31
Average age 44 years, 11 months, $3\frac{1}{4}$ days.	
Number of males, ...	12
Number of females, ...	19

Thus making the number of Marriages the same as last year (1871), the Births one-half, about, and the number of Deaths about three-fourths as many.

All errors in dates and names can be made known to the Clerk, and names given in where they are wanted.

EDWARD TOWER,
Town Clerk.

Cohasset, February 10, 1873.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING March 3d, 1873.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all Town officers required by law.

ART. 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the support of Schools, repairs of Highways, Support of the Poor, and other necessary charges for the current year.

ART. 5. In what manner will the Town collect their taxes the current year, and how shall they be paid into the Treasury.

ART. 6. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and families of the slain.

ART. 7. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act thereon.

ART. 8. Will the Town accept of the list of Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

ART. 10 Will the Town appropriate a sum of money for special repairs, and improvements for Jerusalem street, or act thereon.

ART. 11. Will the Town appropriate an additional sum of money for improvement on Border street, near A. H. Tower's wharf, or act thereon.

ART. 12. Will the Town appropriate a sum of money to remove the ledge, and widen the road near the residence of William V. Creed, on Snow Place, or act thereon.

ART. 13. Will the Town change the name of Jerusalem Street to Jerusalem Road, and name the new street just built ot Sandy Cove, or act thereon.

Art. 14. Will the town cause the ledge on Hull street, near the residence of Isaac H. Lambert, to be removed, or act thereon.

Art. 15. Will the Town cause the ledge to be removed, and street widened on Spring street, near residence of Southward Pratt, or act thereon.

Art. 16. Will the Town appropriate a sum of money to widen bridge, on South Main street, on the westerly side of said bridge, near the residence of late Charles E. Cole, or act thereon.

Art. 17. Will the Town appropriate a sum of money to build a School House, for a Primary School, near the harbor, or act thereon.

Art. 18. Will the Town pay Nelzar G. and Leander W. Grece the sum of $2,224.00 as per bills rendered, which they claim as damages caused by the Straits' Pond Corporation, flowing its land, or act thereon.

Art. 19. Will the Town cause a permanent dam to be built in conjunction with the town of Hull, at Strait's Pond, at the bridge connecting the two towns, to keep the Pond flowed as a sanitary measure, or act thereon.

Aru. 20. Will the town appropriate a sum of money for improvements on King street, or act thereon.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR 1872-3.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS, 34 SCHOOL STREET.
1873.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COHASSET.

THE following are the statistics of the schools for the past year:

	Whole Number of Children.		Average Attendance.	
	In Summer.	In Winter.	In Summer.	In Winter.
Jerusalem School	27	30	21	20
North Grammar School	35	33	26	28
North Primary "	29	33	16	18
Centre Grammar "	46	46	29	37
Centre Primary "	48	56	35	39
South Grammar "	44	44	31	34
South Primary "	49	48	41	38
Beechwoods Grammar School .	41	46	23	38
Beechwoods Primary " .	41	32	29	20
High School	100	82	60	57
	460	450	311	329

All the grammar and primary schools have been generally in a good condition during the year, and the work of instruction in them has been carried on with success. Seldom, if ever, has there been a year when these schools have been more satisfactory to the committee, or when the children have made more rapid and systematic progress in learning. All these schools, except the Centre primary and Centre grammar school, were continued under the charge of the same teachers who had taught them the year before.

In the Centre grammar school, which had been so successfully taught by Miss Litchfield the previous year, Miss Drusilla S. Lo-

throp was employed as teacher. She taught the school successfully till the close of the summer term; but at the beginning of the fall term she was transferred to the High school as assistant teacher, and Miss Annie A. Souther, who had been a very efficient and devoted teacher in the primary school, was employed in her place.

Notwithstanding these changes, the discipline and progress of the scholars were well sustained, owing to the fact that both of the ladies were experienced teachers, and were able to carry on the school-work without change or interruption. Miss Souther had had most of the scholars under her charge in the primary school, and for that reason was especially fitted to govern and teach the children.

Miss Souther taught the primary school till the May vacation, when, wearied with continuous teaching for eight years, she took a vacation till the beginning of the fall term, when she was promoted to the grammar school. Miss Cutting taught in her place during the summer term, and at the beginning of the fall term Miss Elizabeth C. Bates was employed to teach the school, and continued in charge of it till the close of the school year. Although the school was large, numbering fifty-six scholars, Miss Bates soon succeeded in securing good order, and the closing examination showed that she had proved to be a successful teacher.

In the North grammar school, Miss Carrie S. Pratt, after having taught the school seven years, has resigned her position as teacher. The closing examination of her school was highly satisfactory, and the scholars gave evidence of having made good progress in the common studies of the school, while there were very interesting exercises in singing, and in grammar taught orally.

In some particulars, there have been marked improvements in all these schools. The classes in arithmetic have appeared unusually well, and seem to have been taught with especial care and thoroughness. The grading has become more and more perfect from year to year, and children are classed, and advanced from one school to another more and more in accordance with their attainments in learning. This tends to make teaching more systematic, and to secure a more satisfactory progress in learning. In the grammar schools, at the closing examinations, the higher classes in

written arithmetic were examined with more than usual thoroughness, and gave evidence of having been taught intelligently, not only to perform the examples given them, but also to explain the principles on which the rules are based, in accordance with which they worked.

The first class in each of the three central schools have studied common fractions very thoroughly, and it is intended that they shall complete the study of decimal fractions and of Federal money before they go into the High school at the beginning of the summer term.

The classes in Colburn's First Lessons, especially the higher classes, passed an unusually good examination, and gave evidence of having been carefully taught in the grammar schools; while in the North primary school the first class exhibited unusual proficiency for children of so early an age.

Grammar, as a study from text-books, has been excluded from our grammar schools. This has been done because, while children were found able to commit to memory the definitions, the rules, and the forms of declension and conjugation contained in our English grammars, they generally failed in apprehending principles, and understanding the meaning and application of what they had learned to recite by rote. In truth, English Grammar, as taught in text-books, is an abstract science, and requires more mental maturity and power of analyzing and comparing, than can generally be found in the minds of children of the age of those in our Grammar schools.

But in excluding the study of grammar from text-books, the committee did not intend to exclude the teaching of English Grammar. They believe that it can, and should, be taught more carefully and thoroughly than it has ever been taught by the old system.

There are three ways in which it should be taught.

First: Teachers may give the definitions of the parts of speech, the forms of comparison, of declension, and of conjugation; the definition of the different kinds of sentences, and the general rules for agreement and government; and by frequent repetition and illustration fix them clearly in the minds of the children. In one

or two schools the children were taught in this way last year with the most satisfactory results.

Secondly: Teachers should remember that the most effective way to teach children to speak correctly — which is teaching grammar — is never to speak an ungrammatical sentence or phrase, or pronounce a word incorrectly in their presence. Children learn to use language correctly by hearing others thus use it; and the influence of a teacher who is with children six hours a day for three or four years, must be very great in helping them to form correct habits of speech. And teachers may assist their pupils very much in this by correcting all ungrammatical, vulgar, and slang expressions on their part, and calling their attention to every mispronounced word. By pursuing this course, an interest in the correct and proper use of language would soon be awakened in a school, and great improvement would of necessity follow.

A third way of teaching grammar may be found in requiring children to write sentences, and collections of sentences, correcting in them all violations of grammar, all wrong spelling, and all awkward expressions. Such exercises would teach them to put their thoughts into words, as well as help them in the study of the right use of language.

It is hoped that these three methods of teaching grammar will be adopted, and faithfully carried out, in all the Grammar schools, and, as far as practicable, in all the schools.

Reference was made in the last school report to drawing, and the introduction of it as a part of our own regular school-work was recommended. In some of the schools, drawing was taught last year, and in two or three with considerable care and success. Children are generally interested in it. It helps train the eye and hand, and if persistently and intelligently practised, will, doubtless, become a source of increasing pleasure and benefit to the children. The committee desire that during the current year drawing may be taught more systematically, carefully, and faithfully, in all the schools.

Singing has been practised in every school in the town, and in most of them as a daily exercise. In some of the schools the

children have been taught to read music to a certain extent, and in some they have had a good deal of practice in singing. It is an exercise which, to most of the children, especially in the lower schools, gives pleasure, helping at the same time to develop their voices and æsthetical taste, and to deepen their interest in the school.

Gymnastic exercises, also, sometimes alone, and sometimes in connection with singing, have been more or less practised, always refreshing to the children, and conducing to their comfort, and to their love of school.

With regard to the other exercises and studies in the schools, there is no need of any particular criticism. They have been pursued with about the usual success. If our schools can be brought into a better system, the number of scholars in two or three of them be reduced, and a more thorough course of study and discipline be pursued in each school, all the common branches of study may be taught with much better results.

Should the town assent to the proposition of the committee, which will be presented further on in the report, and vote to build a school-house and establish a primary school near the Cove, an improvement can be made in grading the schools. It will then be advisable to keep children in the primary schools till they are more advanced in their studies than they are at present when they enter the grammar schools. They should be able to read with facility, to make considerable progress in oral arithmetic, and perhaps study some primary geography for a year. Then in the grammar school they should have a course which children of ordinary aptitude for learning, and who are constant in their attendance, should be able to finish in three years. Children who are dull in learning or irregular in attendance would have to fall back into lower classes, and might have to remain a year or two longer in the school. By this system a much better preparation could be made for the High school, a more regular and thorough course of instruction could be pursued in that school, and a better education secured for our children.

There would still be a class of children comprising those whose mental development does not keep pace with their increase in age

and in physical growth, and those who, being obliged to labor in the summer, would be able to attend school only part of the year. These all need the best of teaching, but they cannot class well in a graded school. They must be provided for, either by means of an additional assistant in the High school as at present, or in a separate school.

If the changes which have been suggested can be carried out, with the improvements which experience may show to be necessary or advisable, and if the town affords to the schools a liberal support, much more may be expected from them than has been realized in the past, and they may be made to keep pace with the progress in education of the present age.

The same difficulty has existed during the year, from the irregular attendance of some children, and the absence from school of others who are growing up in ignorance and idleness, that has always been an injury to the schools. This difficulty arises in part from truancy, and in part from the want of appreciation on the part of parents of the importance of keeping their children in school. Every year the need of some public institution where such children can be sent and educated becomes more and more apparent. This subject has attracted the attention of the school committees of other towns, and last fall a meeting of delegates from the school committees of the towns in the East Norfolk judicial district was called at Quincy to consult on the subject of establishing a truant school for the district.

At this meeting the matter was discussed, the need of such a school was unanimously expressed, and it was agreed to have another meeting in Boston, at which it was hoped the Secretary of the Board of Education might be present. Such a meeting was held in the Secretary's office, when the matter was further considered, and the understanding was, that the Secretary should recommend in his annual report the establishment of county truant schools where they are not already established, and cause to be introduced into the legislature a bill for a general law to that effect. The establishment of such schools throughout the State is necessary in order to secure the proper education of every child in the State.

It might not be necessary to send many children to such a school; but the fact of there being such a school to which they could be sent, would tend to prevent children from becoming truants, and from roaming about the streets in idleness and mischief.

The High school, during its spring and summer terms, was continued under the charge of Mr. W. B. French, with Miss M. Anna Rich as assistant teacher. For the first six weeks of the spring term, Miss Cutting was employed as second assistant. At the close of the summer term, Mr. French, who enjoyed the confidence and affection of his scholars, and who had been a faithful and devoted teacher, resigned his position to engage in professional studies. Miss Rich also resigned at the same time, after having held the position of assistant teacher for six years.

The committee desire to express their high appreciation of her faithful devotion to her work, of her thorough and intelligent teaching, and of her conscientious endeavor to do her best during her long connection with the school.

At the beginning of the fall term Mr. F. W. Knowlton, a graduate of Tufts College, was recommended by Mr. French and others as a suitable person to take charge of the school, and was accordingly employed as teacher. Mr. Knowlton is a young man of good education, of gentlemanly deportment, and commanded the respect and esteem of those who best knew him; and he also labored diligently and faithfully in the endeavor to discharge his duties as teacher. He indeed worked very hard amid much discouragement. But whether from want of age and experience, or of tact or executive genius, he failed in governing the school, and in securing the order and quiet which are essential to the successful conduct of a school. At the close of the winter term he resigned his position as teacher.

It cannot be denied that the school is a hard one. It requires a teacher of mature age and experience in teaching. Other teachers who have taken charge of our High school before they had acquired experience in teaching, and who failed in government, or succeeded but imperfectly, have afterwards taught in other schools with great success.

There are three classes of scholars admitted into our High school,

either of which assembled in a separate school could be easily taught and managed, but which united in one school make the school-work much more complicated and difficult.

First: There are those children who are admitted by qualification, who can be classed together, and who really should alone constitute the High school. Our school cannot be made what it ought to be until this class only are admitted, and a regular, systematic, and thorough course of study is pursued.

Secondly: There is a class of boys and girls admitted to the High school, not because they are qualified, but because owing to their age, their insubordination, or some other cause, they are out of place in the lower schools which are under the charge of female teachers.

Thirdly: There is a large class of boys who are at an early age taken out of school to labor in summer. Some are engaged in fishing, others in different employments. They of necessity fall behind in learning those who continue their studies through the year. And besides the interruption of their education, the kind of life which they lead at labor or at sea, is not favorable to order and constraint, nor to their falling immediately or easily into habits of study and self-control in school. These boys, especially, need good instruction, but their presence in the same school with the other classes makes the teaching and discipline of the school more difficult. We have met these difficulties with some degree of success the past two winters, by employing for about four months a second assistant teacher in the school. It will probably be necessary before many years to establish a separate school under the charge of a male teacher for the last two classes of children mentioned.

At the beginning of the fall term, Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop was chosen assistant teacher in the High school. There has always been good order in her room, she has commanded the respect and obedience of her pupils, and they have made good progress in learning under her teaching.

Miss Lizzie Cutting was employed as second assistant during the winter term. She also had the respect and obedience of her pupils, and taught them faithfully and efficiently.

The committee, in view of the condition and needs of the High school, have come to the conclusion that some changes should be made in its management, and in the employing of teachers. They are convinced that such a school requires the services of a teacher of ability and experience, and that it is better for the town to give a good salary to such a man, than a smaller salary to a young man who has not acquired the art of teaching and disciplining a school; who has no established reputation, and whose work in a school must be only experimental. Such teachers, with little experience, and intending to teach only a year or two and then study a profession, cannot be expected to take the same interest in a school, or achieve the same success, as those who are making teaching their profession.

The committee, therefore, have engaged the services of an experienced teacher, Mr. W. H. Knight, and have agreed to give him a salary of twelve hundred and fifty dollars per annum, which is two hundred and fifty dollars more than has been given before. They also believe that the salary of the assistant teacher, who has been at a considerable expense in improving her education in a Normal school, and who gives us the results of the improvement, should be increased at least fifty dollars. Reference was made last year in the school report to the crowded state of the Centre schools, and of the South primary, and of the need of another primary school. In the Centre primary school there were fifty-six scholars, while the room and seats were intended to accommodate only forty-two. In the Centre grammar school there were forty-six scholars, while there were seats for only forty-two. In the South primary school there were forty-nine scholars, while some years the number has been larger.

When the Centre school-house was enlarged and repaired, it was done at a comparatively small cost, and to accommodate schools of moderate size, with the understanding that it would soon be necessary to build a new primary school-house at the Cove.

The committee believe that the time has now come when such a building is needed, and they recommend that it be built, so that it may be ready for occupation at the beginning of the fall term. Its

cost would be probably about $1,500 or $2,000. It should be so placed as to accommodate children from both the centre and south districts, who live in the vicinity of the Cove. By thus providing more school-room, children could be kept for a longer time in the primary schools, could carry their education further in the grammar schools, and thus be better fitted for the High school. The expense for teaching in that school the current year would be $144.00.

A small school-house was built some years ago, by T. H. Perkins, Esq., and a private school has been sustained there for the accommodation of the children who live in the vicinity, and at a distance from the North and Jerusalem school-houses. A request has been made that the town support a school in that school-house for about six months in the year, the summer residents and those living near the school paying the expenses of the school in the summer. In consideration of the fact that a school-house is to be furnished gratuitously; that a number of small children would be accommodated who live at a distance from public schools, and that the summer residents in that neighborhood are increasing in number, who may have children needing school accommodation, and whose estates help pay our taxes and support our schools, the committee recommend that a school be sustained in the above-mentioned school-house, six months in the year. The expense of the school would be from $175 to $200.

The Beechwoods school contains a larger number of older scholars than the other grammar schools. The school has not yet closed, and there has been no final examination, but when last visited, it appeared to be in a flourishing condition; the attendance was better and more regular than usual, and the teacher seemed to be doing a good work. The teacher's salary for the year has been $360. It is recommended to make it $400.

In order to provide for these increased expenditures necessary for the support of the schools the current year, according to the recommendations of the committee, it is estimated that an increase of the appropriation for the support of the schools of five hundred dollars will be sufficient, with the addition of the unexpended bal-

ance left over from last year. The committee, therefore, recommend that $4,700, the amount specified in the selectmen's report, be raised for the support of the schools the current year.

Since the concluding part of this report was read in the town meeting, one member of the school committee, Edward Tower, Esq., has passed from this earthly life. Mr. Tower was for many years a teacher in the schools in the town during their winter terms. He was chosen a member of the school committee in 1841, and at different times afterwards, till 1856, since which date he has held the office till the day of his decease, seventeen years in succession. He has always taken a deep interest in our schools, has tried faithfully to perform the duties of his office, and the remembrance of him will long be associated with our schools and school system. His colleagues in office desire to express their appreciation of his services, their deep sense of his worth, and their feeling of sorrow and bereavement on account of his sudden removal from this earthly scene of being.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
LEVI N. BATES,
School Committee.

Cohasset, March 12, 1873.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Cohasset,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1874.

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WITH A

LIST OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

ALSO THE

DOINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

AND

Report of the Votes Cast at the State Election in November, 1873.

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1874.

ABRIDGED REPORT

OF THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

HELD MARCH 3, 1873.

The several articles of the Warrant for holding the above Meeting, were acted upon and disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted, that the Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and the School Committee, (except that part which refers to the erection of a new School-house) be accepted.

ARTICLE 3. Town Officers for the year chosen as follows:

For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of the Highways.

MARTIN LINCOLN. LOUIS N. LINCOLN.
ADNA BATES.

For Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, JR.

For Town Clerk.

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

For one School Committee for Three Years.

REV. M. A. STEVENS.

For Constables and Truant Officers.

LOUIS N. LINCOLN. ANDREW W. WILLIAMS.
ZACCHEUS RICH. EZRA BROWN.
IRA B. PRATT. CALEB BEAL, JR.

For Fence Viewers.

ADNA BATES. THOMAS M. SMITH.
LOUIS N. LINCOLN.

For Fire Wards.

ZACCHEUS RICH. THOMAS M. SMITH.
PHILIP FOX. ALSON S. RICHARDSON.
ISAAC W. BEAL.

For Field Drivers.

CHARLES BARNES. HARRISON HENRY.
FRANCIS L. BATES. LEVI L. WORRICK, JR.
EDWARD E. ELLMS. ISAAC W. BEALS.
MORGAN B. STETSON. EDWIN BATES.
IRA B. PRATT.

For Surveyors of Lumber.

WM. A. W. TILDEN. ZACCHEUS RICH.
N. B. TOWER.

For Measurer of Wood and Bark.

MORGAN B. STETSON.

For Culler of Hoops and Staves.

GEORGE W. COUSENS.

For Pound Keeper.

JAMES W. NICHOLS.

Voted, that the thanks of the Town be tendered to the Rev. Joseph Osgood, for the interest he has for so long a time manifested in the Educational interests of the Town.

Voted, that the compensation for School Committee shall be three dollars per diem, for services rendered, they to pay their own travelling expenses.

ARTICLE 4. Voted, that the sum of sixteen thousand three hundred dollars ($16,300.00) be raised and appropriated for the Support of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Support of the Poor, and other necessary charges for the current year.

ARTICLE 5. Voted, that the Taxes be collected and be paid into the Treasury the same as last year, with the same discounts.

ARTICLE 6. Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and families of the slain.

ARTICLE 7. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards.

ARTICLE 8. Voted, that the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen be accepted. (A correct list in Book printed Feb., 1873.)

ARTICLE 9. *Voted that the Financial Report be printed and distributed in the month of February next, and that in addition to the matters of general interest, usually printed in and with the Report, it contain the Valuation List of this town, for May 1, 1873, in detail.

ARTICLE 10. Voted, that the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00), be raised and appropriated for special repairs and improvements for Jerusalem Street.

ARTICLE 11. Voted, that the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00), be raised and appropriated for improvements on Border Street, near A. H. Tower's Wharf.

ARTICLE 12. Voted, that the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) be appropriated to remove the ledge and to widen the road near the residence of Wm. V. Creed on Snow Place.

ARTICLE 13. Voted, that the name of Jerusalem Street be changed to Jerusalem Road,—also voted, that the Street from the corner near Capt. James Collier's house, to the corner near the premises of John J. Lothrop, formerly Beach Place, shall be called Beach Street,—also voted, that the new Street, from the northern terminus of Beach Street to Margin Street, be called Atlantic Avenue.

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*At a legal meeting of the voters of the town held on the twentieth day of January, 1874, it was "Voted, to recind that portion of the vote passed at their last annual March meeting whereby the Selectmen were directed to cause the Town Valuation to be printed in their Financial Report for the current year."

ARTICLE 14. Voted, that the sum of one hundred dollars ($100. 00) be appropriated for the removal of the ledge on Hull Street, near the residence of Isaac H. Lambert.

ARTICLE 15. Voted, that the sum of one hundred dollars ($100. 00) be raised and appropriated for removing the ledge and widening the street on Spring Street, near the residence of Southward Pratt.

ARTICLE 16. Voted, that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00) be raised and appropriated for widening bridge on South Main Street, on the westerly side of said bridge to the fence, near the residence of the late Charles E. Cole.

ARTICLE 17. Voted, that the Selectmen with the School Committee, be a Committee to cause a School-house for a Primary School, to be built near the harbor, and that the Treasurer be authorized to hire two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) to pay for the same, exclusive of land.

ARTICLE 18. Voted, that this Article be passed over.

ARTICLE 19. Voted, that this Article, relating to a dam to be built at Strait's Pond, be left with the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 20. Voted, that the sum of one hundred dollars ($100. 00) be raised and appropriated for improvements on King Street.

Voted, that the thanks of the Town be tendered to J. Q. A. Lothrop for the efficient and acceptable manner in which he has presided over this meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

The following votes were passed at a legal meeting of the voters of the Town, held on the second day of April, 1873.

Voted, to require the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of the Public Schools for the ensuing year.

Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract

with the Town of Scituate for the board of their paupers at the Almshouse the ensuing year.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

State Election Record.

The record of the votes cast in this Town at their last Annual Election, November 4, 1873, is substantially as follows:

For Governor of the Commonwealth.

William B. Washburn, of Greenfield, had	64
William Gaston, of Boston,	25
Scattering,	1

For Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth.

Thomas Talbot, of Billerica,	65
William L. Smith, of Springfield,	25

For Treasurer and Receiver General for the Commonwealth.

Charles Adams, Jr., of North Brookfield,	65
Nathan Clark, of Lynn,	25

For Auditor of Accounts for the Commonwealth.

Charles Endicott, of Canton,	65
C. Osgood Morse, of Newburyport,	25

For Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

Charles R. Train, of Boston,	65
Waldo Colburn, of Dedham,	25

For Councillor for District No. 2.

Seth Turner, of Randolph,	65
William S. Pattee, of Quincy,	25

For County Commissioner for Norfolk County

Galen Orr, of Needham,	65
William Aspinwall, of Brookline,	25

For Register of Deeds for Norfolk County,

John H. Burdakin, of Dedham,	90

For County Treasurer of Norfolk County,

Chauncey C. Churchill, of Dedham,	65
James G. Scott, of Walpole,	25

For Register of Probate and Insolvency for Norfolk Co.

Jonathan H. Cobb, of Dedham,	65
James A. Tower, of Randolph,	24
Scattering,	1

For Senator for Norfolk and Plymouth District.

Jedediah Dwelley, of Hanover,	62
Alexander Lincoln, of Hingham,	27

For Representative for 1st Plymouth District.

James L. Merritt, of Scituate,	65
David S. Jenkins, of Scituate,	23
Perry L. Parker, of Scituate,	4

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

The vote for Representative for the two towns of Scituate and Cohasset, Nov. 1873, stood as follows:

	Scituate.	Cohasset.	Total.
James L. Merritt, of Scituate.	137	65	202
David S. Jenkins, "	54	23	77
Perry L. Parker, "	65	4	69
Russell Cook, "	1		1

and James L. Merritt was elected.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

ADDRESS

OF

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,

UPON RETIRING FROM OFFICE IN THE TOWN,

MARCH 3, 1873.

FELLOW CITIZENS: — It gives me great pleasure again to be called to preside over this, your Annual Meeting, over which I have presided for many years, and at this time it seems to be fitting that I should again thank you for the honors you have bestowed upon me in years past. It is well known that by order of the President of the United States, I cannot again, or so long as I hold a Government office, be a candidate for your votes. I don't know how you may feel in this matter, but for myself I regret exceedingly that I am placed in a position where I cannot receive your honors, or you, if any were so disposed, to give me your votes. I have been highly honored by my fellow townsmen in holding, for many years, all the offices in your gift, and I feel that I have faithfully and impartially performed my part of the duties of said offices, together with my associates. The duties of town officers to-day are quite different from what they were when I first held office in 1854. They are constant, every day something to do. Some one having business with the town officers — Sabbath days as well as week days. I do not wish to dictate to you or in any way to influence you in making your choice for officers the coming year, but I feel it my duty to say that I think it of the highest importance that you should choose men of some experience in, and acquaintance with the laws relating to, and governing town affairs. I say this, not to carry out any purposes of mine, or to help any particular friend, but simply having the interest of the town at heart. I wish for, and am looking only to your welfare as a town. As I before

said, the labors of the town officers have increased very much, and the need is of men of experience; during my acquaintance with town affairs, the valuation of the town has increased from $887,831, in 1854 to $2,068,515 in 1872. Add to this the amount not now estimated in the valuation, which was included in the valuation of 1854, that is, Corporations taxed by the State, and deposits in Savings Banks, and you would have a valuation of $2,500,000, making an increase in nineteen years of $1,612,166, an average of $84,850 per year.

The expenditures of the town have increased in like proportion. The amount raised for current expenses, in 1854, was $5,063.56, including State and County taxes, and in 1872, the amount assessed for the same purposes, is $21,903.52, and the expenditures for the last year have been $32,073.45, over $10,000 more than was raised, while the debt has been increased only $5,000, owing to the amount in part received from the State for taxes on Corporations and other sources. In looking over the records of last Annual Meeting it will be seen that the amount appropriated and not raised for various purposes was $4,125. Add to that the amount expended on Beach Place new road, over the amount raised for building said road, $3,046.58, will make $7,171.58. The amount of $1,500 appropriated for widening and improving Border Street, near A. H. Tower's Wharf, has not been spent; deduct that amount from $7,171.58, will leave $5,671.58, expended, which the Treasurer was authorized to hire money for. The sum of $538.13 was expended on the Ridges, Jerusalem Road, over the appropriation, the sidewalk on Margin Street, $174.90 without any appropriation. Special repairs on Jerusalem Road, over the appropriation, $630.36, Board of Health, $166.42, State Aid, $604, making a total of $7,785.39, spent for improvements, etc., without any portion being raised by taxation, while the debt has been increased only $5,000.

It will be noticed by the Report of the Selectmen, that the labor of the Almshouse men and teams, amounts to $1,608.50. Some have doubted the practicability of the town's doing work on the Highways and Roads in this manner, thinking that there was no benefit derived by the town, the Selectmen this year have made an estimate of about what amount was actually paid out of the Treasury, and made allowance for board of men and one team, extra help, etc., and find there was about $450.00 made on the labor so done; that is to say, the expenses at the Almshouse would have been $450.00 more if it had

not been for the labor by men and teams from the Almshouse. Also, that there was expended on the Jerusalem Road in labor $2,630.36 for the sum of $2,200.00 paid out of the Treasury, thus proving to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, that there is no better way to expend the money appropriated for streets and ways, than by men and teams belonging to the town, provided you have a good practical man, one who understands making and repairing roads for Superintendent of the Almshouse, to do such work, and if the present Superintendent and Matron can be retained by the town, the Selectmen feel, that in them we have the right kind to carry out the work as it has been done for two years past.

The cost of the support of the inmates at the Almshouse the past year, has been more than it was last year. The explanation of the Overseers of the Poor to account for the increase is this: first, the small number of inmates makes the weekly amount more in proportion than it would be with a larger number, as the cost of carrying on the farm would not be any more with twenty inmates than it is now with four, except the bare cost of living. Second, the expenses show this year all it is, for while we have bought for the farm and house over three hundred dollars worth of new property, and it is there now, and worth about as much as it was the day it was purchased. The Stock at the Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1873, is only $166.11 more than last year, on account of the reduced appraisal of said Stock, and giving, in the judgment of the Overseers, nearer the cash value.

The partial support of persons outside of the Almshouse, has been more the past year, and by comparing the reports of last and this year, you will find that the town paid $362.56 more in 1872 than in 1871, and if you look more carefully, you will find of that amount $269.58 was paid to the State Lunatic Asylum, Taunton, $39.00 more to Boston and North Bridgewater, $15.00 more to the Overseers of the Poor. Thus leaving the outside expenses for persons in town only $38.98 more this year, while the supplies to the family of Joseph P. Wheelwright alone is $90.00 more than last year, which weekly amount was increased by the earnest solicitation of prominent citizens in the Beechwood; and let me say here, that there is no more difficult laws to find out and no more perplexing questions to settle, than the Pauper laws, and settlement of Paupers. We have had two very difficult questions of that kind the past year; one is settled and the other is in process of settlement. One was with the city of New

Bedford, the other with the town of Medford. And fellow citizens, you will again see the necessity of electing men of experience, and acquaintance with the laws relating to settlement of Paupers. The $15.00 extra paid this year for services and expenses of the Overseers is nothing to what you might have had to pay under some circumstances. I would suggest the propriety of having the Boards of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, composed of the same three men, or a part on each, particularly the Boards of Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for it is actually necessary that the town should protect itself and take care not to tax some persons long enough for them to gain a settlement, as in case they ever should become needy they would have no claim for settlement in this town. I say this is necessary, because all other cities and towns in the Commonwealth do so. And the Assessors, for this and other reasons not necessary now to mention, should be Overseers of the Poor, but in a small town like this it is better to have the same men on all the Boards.

I do not want you to think that I am imposing upon you in this statement and few suggestions, for I am doing it from a sense of duty, and my experience in town matters, leads me to these conclusions; that I am as well posted as any, and as capable of judging what are the needs and wants of the town. And I would further suggest that the Overseers of the Poor be Surveyors of Highways, so that the labor, or a portion of it, may be done by the town teams, and also in case the Selectmen are not Overseers and Surveyors, there may be no clashing between the two Boards, about the manner of using the town teams. Great improvement has been made the past year on Jerusalem Road, and the Selectmen feel the importance of that improvement, and are confident that the town will continue the same, and make a good liberal appropriation this year, as we believe that it pays. And we have induced people to come to Cohasset and build houses and make Cohasset their legal residence, by promising them that it should be continued the coming year.

I would also recommend that the valuation list of 1873 be printed with and included in the report of the Selectmen of the Financial Affairs next February. I do this, believing it will be a great benefit to the town, in increasing the valuation, and in having all the property taxed, for men are not perfect, and now and then a parcel of land is by mistake left off the list. If they are published, every person would be looking at his neighbor's valuation, as well as his own, and in that

way if any was left out or undervalued, the Assessors would be likely to hear of it; also, the valuation might be made more equal. Quite a number of towns have tried this plan, and they tell me that it works well, and in one town that has done it for five years, say that the tax on the increased property and valuation has paid more than the cost. That is a very large town, about the largest in the State, and what is a good thing for a large town, would in my judgment, be a good thing for a small town.

I wish to say, in concluding, that I am under many obligations to the citizens and gentlemen who have been associated with me in office; that I cannot at the present time recall to my mind any hard words or ill feeling during the term we have served together, which has been many years, and with quite a number of gentlemen. It has been quite the reverse; it has been very pleasant and agreeable to me, and I am vain enough to think that it has been so with them. And to you, fellow-citizens, in again thanking you for the many favors I have received at your hands, let me say that although some have found fault with me, I have always tried faithfully to do my duty, and keep constantly in my mind the best interests of the town, which is your interest. Some have found fault with my charges, thought them too high—cheaper men could be got. This I do not doubt, but I think, had I the time, I could satisfy any voter that the work had actually been done, and that the benefit of my labor has been received; I need not call your attention to the Hingham and Quincy Bridges. One-tenth of the expences of rebuilding and keeping said Bridges in repair had to be paid by the town. By the decision of the court, the town has forever been released, and too, by the labor for the last four years by some one, and they had to be paid. Also when the State commenced to tax Corporations and National Banks, work had to be done in order that the town should receive its just share of said taxes. I will here mention one or two cases, where work was done, and the result.

In 1871 the State passed a law taxing National Banks, and returning to the town the proportion owned by citizens of each town. The law was passed late in the session, and owners of Bank stock, who had moved from Boston and other places to Cohasset, had neglected to have their residence changed on the books of the Banks, therefore some one had to look it up, and by an agreement with my associates, I was to do that work; when the Tax Commissioner made his first

return to the Assessors of the amount due us from the Bank tax, it was $926. I immediately went to work to get what I knew from statements received from owners of Bank stock, justly belonging to the town, and without given you a detailed account of how I proceeded, or what trouble I had with the Assessors of Boston, suffice it to say that when I got through, the town received credit for $1,464.31, which has since all been paid to the Treasurer; $538 more than the first amount returned, and more than I charged you for the year's work; also, received from the Corporation tax over $200 more than the first amount returned. The law taxing Banks of 1871, was, in 1872, repealed, and the towns taxed the stock the same as in former years; but the Corporations are still taxed by the State, and the town will receive this year something over three hundred dollars more than the first amount reported. This work to get this money had to be done by some one, and whoever did the work must be paid. I want you to understand that it required the assistance of my associates in order to do it as it should be done.

I feel that the town has received full value for my services, and whatever I have charged them has not paid me a fair compensation for my time.

I will not detain you any longer with this statement, as I know you are anxious to get at the business which has called us together; but let me say here that whoever you may have for town officers, or wherever I may be situated, I shall always work for the best interest of this my native town, and be ready at all times to lend my services, when required, to further the good standing and reputation of all my fellow citizens.

REPORT.

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

North School.

Paid E. E. Ellms, for labor,	$6 00	
Solomon J. Hayden, for cleaning,	3 75	
Lewis Willcutt, labor,	75	
J. L. Hammett, settees,	7 65	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc.	7 81	
Samuel D. Tower, labor,	5 25	
Bela Stoddard, labor,	17 00	
E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc.,	10 36	
Thomas Willcutt, labor and stock,	13 97	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber,	11 67	
Elijah N. Barker, painting, etc.,	4 30	
		$88 51

Perkins School-House.

Paid E. E. Ellms, ink crayons, etc.,	$12 69	$12 69

South School-House.

Paid Samuel D. Tower, painting, etc.,	$24 45	
Andrew W. Williams, labor,	13 50	
Mrs. Cronican, cleaning,	6 80	
E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc.,	14 69	
Jane Kinsley, cleaning,	6 00	
Lewis Willcutt, labor,	16 50	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc.,	9 86	
Bela Stoddard, labor,	26 00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., nails,	1 15	
John Howard, labor,	5 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber and hardware,	30 92	
Martin Lincoln, grading,	8 00	
		$162 87

Harbor School-House.

Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop and others, for building,	$1,200 00	
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services as Committee,	25 00	
Geo. W. Cousens, labor,	1 50	
Geo. H. Barnes, lathing,	9 00	
Zaccheus Rich, labor,	155 25	
Geo. Bates, labor,	105 00	
Joseph F. Ennice, labor,	87 50	
Samuel Bates, ventilators, etc.,	149 73	
Daniel W. Pratt, painting and stock,	181 16	
A. W. Williams, labor,	123 24	
Portland Stone Ware Co., drain pipe,	28 00	
J. L. Hammett, furniture,	140 10	
Michael Brennock, labor,	5 00	
S. S. Railroad, freight,	1 70	
Mrs. Gardner, cleaning,	3 08	
Lewis Willcutt, labor,	99 00	
E. E. Ellms, clock, ink, crayons, etc.	10 95	
Alex. W. Hayden, labor,	120 00	
C. F. Nichols, "	1 75	
Chas. F. Tilden, iron railing, etc.,	12 00	
Martin K. Bailey, labor,	15 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber etc.,	744 08	
		$3,218.04

Beechwood School-House.

Paid Lot W. Bates, for blinds, cleaning, etc.,	$17 00	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc.,	3 28	
Thomas A. Bates, labor,	12 00	
E. E. Ellms, ink crayons, &c.,	7 65	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber and hardware,	13 86	
Ezra Brown, brooms, &c.,	1 61	
		$55 40

Jerusalem School-House.

Paid A. W. Williams, for labor and stock,	$7 50
A. W. Beal, repairs,	5 80
Mary L. Beal, cleaning,	4 00
Lewis Wilcutt, labor and stock,	7 50

Paid C. A. Gross, paint, etc.,	$9 80	
Samuel D. Tower, painting, etc.,	10 15	
Bela Stoddard, labor,	19 50	
E. E. Ellms, ink and crayons,	60	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc.,	2 50	
Chas. F. Tilden, iron-work for fence,	10 10	
Thomas M. Smith, teaming,	8 00	
A. H. Tower Jr., & Bro., lumber and hardware,	19 59	
		$105 04

CENTRE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid A. W. Williams, for labor,	$10 50	
Mrs. Mulchai, cleaning,	6 00	
Solomon J. Hayden, cleaning,	3 00	
Lewis Willcutt, labor,	1 00	
Samuel Bates. repairing stoves, etc.,	5 58	
Bela Stoddard, labor,	8 00	
Zaccheus Rich, labor,	1 75	
J. L. Hammett, blackboard,	4 80	
E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc.,	13 32	
A. H. Tower Jr. & Bro., lumber and hardware,	8 23	
		$62 18

HIGH SCHOOL ROOM.

Paid Knight, Adams & Co., ink and wells,	$ 9 60	
Samuel D. Tower, repairs,	35 80	
Est. Calvin Merriam, ink, pails, etc.,	3 99	
William Hayden, labor,	4 00	
A. W. Williams, "	6 00	
Lewis Willcutt, "	12 00	
Bela Stoddard, "	23 50	
Martin N. Bates, "	2 29	
W. H. Knights, books and stationery,	10 25	
Mrs. Cronican, cleaning,	14 45	
E. E. Ellms, labor,	10 00	
E. E. Ellms, crayons, ink, etc.,	21 50	
Solomon J. Hayden, cleaning,	3 75	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc.,	15 77	
C. A. Gross, soap, etc.,	48	
A. H. Olmstead,	1 00	
C. F. Tilden, iron work,	1 15	
A. H. Tower Jr. & Bro., clock,	9 00	
		$184 53

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid W. W. Studley, Steward,	$30 00	
" " labor,	9 00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood and oil,	8 73	
A. H. Tower, wood,	1 50	
Henry K. Hall, making flag staff,	4 00	
John G. Hayden, labor,	4 00	
A. W. Hayden, labor.	8 00	
E. E. Ellms, oil, etc.,	8 00	
31 Firemen,	62 00	
Thomas Beal, leather straps,	50	
Samuel Bates, oil,	60	
C. A. Gross, oil and paint,	2 16	
Henry Collier, spar and freight,	4 50	
D. W. Pratt, setting glass,	60	
T. M. Smith, teaming,	5 00	
A. H. Tower Jr. & Bro., cement & gravel,	7 79	
		$156 38

SPECIAL REPAIRS ON JERUSALEM ROAD.

Paid Levi Dow, labor,	$23 00	
Michael O'Connell, labor,	98 00	
John Cronican, "	161 00	
Henry Nichols, "	127 00	
John W. Nichols, "	80 00	
Samuel N. Lincoln, "	178 00	
C. A. Gross, powder and fuse,	11 60	
R. T. Burbank, blasting rocks,	51 00	
Otis V. Barnes, labor,	68 00	
F. J. Damon, repairing tools,	7 00	
Moses Lincoln, labor,	5 00	
Levi L. Worrick, Jr., labor,	134 50	
C. F. Tilden, smithing,	17 15	
John Howard, labor,	91 25	
Martin Lincoln, teams,	152 50	
Adna Bates, services,	25 00	
Almshouse, men and teams,	1,265 00	
	$2,495 00	
Deduct for Almshouse, men and teams,	1,265 00	
		$1,230 00

REMOVING LEDGE, SNOW PLACE.

Paid Otis V. Barnes, labor,	$40 00	
Joseph Jacinto, labor,	43 00	
John Howard, "	52 50	
Martin Lincoln, "	19 50	
C. A. Gross, powder and fuse,	14 26	
D. W. Pratt, setting glass,	1 70	
C. F. Tilden, repairing tools.	8 90	
		$179 86

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION, KING STREET.

Paid C. A. Gross, powder and fuse,	$2 10	
R. T. Burbank, blasting rocks,	4 50	
John Cronican, labor,	22 00	
Samuel N. Lincoln, labor,	22 00	
Almshouse, men and teams,	50 00	
	$100 60	
Deduct for Almshouse, men and teams,	50 00	
		$50 60

WIDENING AT BORDER STREET.

Paid Michael O'Connell,	$54 00
Joseph Smith, labor, men and team,	30 00
Osborn Wood, labor,	56 50
Michael Sweeney, 2d, labor,	96 00
D. N. Tower, surveying and plans,	15 00
G. W. Cousens, Jr., labor,	45 00
John Cronican, "	28 00
Samuel N. Lincoln, "	22 00
Z. Rich, "	12 25
C. A. Gross, powder and fuse,	74 50
Mrs. John Parker, stone and gravel,	45 00
W. A. W. Tilden, " "	18 00
Martin K. Bailey, labor and gravel,	12 00
D. S. G. Doane, man and team,	20 00
Joseph F. Ennice, labor per contract,	315 00
C. F. Tilden, iron, and repairing tools,	142 08
Otis V. Barnes, labor,	80 50
George M. Ennice, labor,	48 00

Paid Joseph Grassie, labor,	56 50		
Henry Nichols, "	18 00		
Thomas Grassie, "	2 00		
Thomas Mulchai, "	15 00		
J. K. Hardwick, "	43 00		
John Howard, "	106 25		
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber,	28 53		
Caleb Lincoln, labor,	20 00		
Almshouse, men and teams,	118 00		
Martin Lincoln, self, teams and derrick,	399 00		
Adna Bates,	25 00		
	$1,945 11		
Deduct for Almshouse, men and teams,	118 00		$1,827 11

WIDENING SOUTH MAIN ST., NEAR ST. JOHN'S.

Paid Jacob F. Bates, stone for wall,	$10 00		
William L. Pratt, "	3 00		
Zenas D. Lincoln, stone and gravel,	5 70		
A. H. Tower, gravel,	15 00		
John Cronican, labor,	4 00		
Samuel N. Lincoln, "	10 00		
Caleb J. Nichols, "	6 00		
Caleb Lincoln, "	15 00		
Martin Lincoln, self and team,	20 00		
Almshouse, men and team,	58 00		
	$146 70		
Deduct for Almshouse labor, men and team,	58 00		$88 70

REMOVING LEDGE, HULL STREET.

Paid Almshouse, men and teams,	$30 00		
R. T. Burbank, blasting rocks,	14 00		
C. A. Gross, powder and fuse,	5 80		
	$49 80		
Deduct for Almshouse men and team,	30 00		$19 80

REMOVING LEDGE, SPRING STREET.

Paid Ezra Towle, labor,	$49 67

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Michael Brennock, labor, Mill Bridge,	$6 25
W. A. W. Tilden, stock and labor, Mill Bridge,	126 27
Joseph Jacinto, labor, Mill Bridge,	5 00
Southward Pratt, " " "	7 50
William St. John, " " "	5 00
D. W. Pratt, " " "	1 00
T. M. Smith teaming " "	12 50
C. F. Tilden, iron work, " "	41 67
Martin Lincoln, labor, " "	6 00
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, Mill Bridge,	7 77
Samuel Bates, tools,	18 93
John Cronican, repairing bridge, Jerusalem Road,	6 00
Lot Bates, building bridge, Beechwood Street,	17 00
L. N. Lincoln, Beach St., and other bridges,	50 00
Charles H. Wood, repairing bridge, Beechwood St.,	4 00
Samuel N. Lincoln, " " Jerusalem St.,	4 00
J. S. Pratt, bridge stone,	3 00
John Howard, repair'g bridges, Beach & Pleasant Sts.	11 25
Adna Bates, labor,	15 00
Stephen T. Sherman, tools,	3 50
Patrick Downes, gravel,	68 48
William St. John, "	102 50
Lewis Willcutt, building fence, Beach Street,	3 00
Wm. Parker, land damages & gravel for 1872 & '73,	150 00
A. H. Tower, gravel and scow,	127 25
C. F. Nichols, "	20 00
Isaiah Lincoln, "	20 00
	$842 87

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Martin K. Bailey and others,	$3 33
Adna Bates, " "	86 00
Lewis Lincoln " "	14 67
Thomas Williams " "	9 61
Isaac W. Beal " "	12 00
Moses Sargent " "	88 83
Warren Bates, 2d " "	28 00
L. N. Lincoln " "	29 75
Charles Joseph,	4 83

Paid John McCormick,	$5 33
William O. Souther,	8 16
William H. Bates,	6 00
Galen James,	6 67
Levi L. Worrick and others,	19 84
T. M. Smith " "	153 75
John Souther,	5 17
Charles H. Williston,	10 67
S. G. James,	5 00
Alonzo L. Palmer,	2 00
John E. Kinsley,	1 33
David Beal,	5 00
Almshouse, teams and men,	35 00
W. W. Studley,	1 00
Alfred Viallie,	1 33
Ezra Towle,	2 00
Bela Joy,	3 41
Samuel N. Lincoln,	5 50
Thomas Willcutt,	1 17
John W. Bates and others,	29 05
Caleb Lincoln " "	9 82
	$594 22
Deduct for Almshouse labor, men and teams,	35 00
	$559 22

REPAIRS UPON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Michael Sweeney, Jr.,	$20 00	Paid J. H. Morgan,	$21 00
Thomas Smith,	83 75	Edwin Bates,	15 00
Michael Sweeney, 2d,	105 50	Lot Bates,	14 00
J. R. Coolbraith,	33 50	D. W. Whitcomb,	4 00
Joseph Smith,	67 00	H. J. Damon,	2 00
Joseph Jacinto,	44 50	J. W. Bates, 2d,	6 00
Michael O'Connell,	101 50	George Pratt,	13 00
John Francis,	27 50	John Howard,	55 50
Daniel Sullivan,	52 50	Samuel N. Lincoln,	38 00
Charles V. Barnes,	66 00	Adna Bates,	110 00
James O'Brien,	68 50	L. N. Lincoln,	96 50
Antoine Lawrence,	22 00	J. Lincoln Morey,	6 00
Willie Cronican,	4 00	F. J. Damon,	44 97
Isaac W. Beal,	40 41	Ezekiel Bates,	28 77
Bela Joy,	12 00	John Cronican,	30 00

Paid A. W. Hayden,	$1 60		Paid Howard Pratt,	$28 90	
Dennis Donovan,	6 00		Otis V. Barnes,	26 00	
Ezra Towle,	3 00		Henry Nichols,	17 00	
John Kinsley,	12 00		George C. Lincoln,	8 00	
Osborn Wood,	10 00		J. L. Litchfield,	1 00	
George I. Sargent,	35 00		Ezra Brown,	8 00	
George B. Pratt,	23 00		Thomas Lincoln,	5 00	
Aaron Pratt,	64 55		T. M. Smith,	215 50	
Benjamin Pratt,	14 00		Martin Lincoln,	89 75	
C. F. Tilden,	4 03		Caleb Lincoln,	25 00	
A. Anderson,	3 00		Almshouse,	200 00	
				$2,027 73	
Deduct for Almshouse, labor, men and teams,				200 00	
				$1,827 73	

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Zaccheus Rich, labor, Strait's pond,	$3 50
James Stoddard, " "	21 00
John Cronican, " "	6 00
C. F. Tilden, iron work,	12 55
Geo. M. Adams, labor,	17 00
John Howard, "	11 25
T. M. Smith, teaming,	13 50
Samuel N. Lincoln, labor,	4 00
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber and spikes,	28 42
Martin Lincoln, services,	25 00
L. N. Lincoln, "	25 00
Adna Bates, "	25 00
	$192 22

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Est. Edward Tower, services as	School Committee,		$35 00
Joseph Osgood, "	"	"	50 25
Levi N. Bates, "	"	"	25 00
N. B. Tower, "	Town Clerk,		40 00
Martin Lincoln, "	Assessor,		125 00
" " "	Selectman,		50 00
L. N. Lincoln, "	Assessor,		125 00

Paid L. N. Lincoln, services as Selectman,		$50 00
Adna Bates, " Assessor,		125 00
" " " Selectman,		50 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer,		200 00
		$875 25

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Samuel Bates, wire netting &c.,	$5 25
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber and coal,	22 30
	$27 55

PRINTING.

Paid W. F. Brown & Co., printing Town Reports,	$122 31
Alfred Mudge & Son, " School "	36 20
N. B. Tower, " Voting List, etc.,	58 00
	$216 51

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

Paid Orders to School Committee,	$4,700 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Tax,	$2,925 00
County Tax,	1,990 80
	$4,915 80

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid E. E. Ellms,	$97 13

STATE AID.

Amount paid to Soldiers and Families from Feb. 1, 1873, to Feb. 1, 1874,	$594 00

WELL AT DAMON'S CORNER.

Paid John Howard, labor, grading,	$2 50
W. A. W. Tilden, repairing platform & setting pump,	7 83
Thompson & Hern, pump,	37 75
S. S. Railroad, freight on pump,	1 20
A. W. Hayden, pointing well,	3 00
T. M. Smith, teaming,	1 00
Martin Lincoln, teaming gravel,	4 50
	$57 78

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Henry Lee and Lemuel Shaw, trustees,	$41 77	H. J. Damon,	$ 86
Samuel Stockbridge,	5 00	J. Sylvia,	1 80
Heirs of Hannah K. Lawrence,	5 00	I. H. Lambert,	2 30
Joseph Briggs,	2 00	John T. Bouve,	2 00
Robert H. Reed,	2 00	James Bates,	1 38
William H. H. Hancock,	2 00	James Alexander,	2 00
Matthew Mulvey,	2 00	Alexander Hamilton,	2 00
James Phinney,	2 00	John Lawson,	2 00
E. N. Barker,	2 00	Dennis Manning,	2 00
Ephraim Lincoln,	46 00	George E. Richardson,	2 00
Levi Lincoln,	10 85	Joseph Sylvia, 2d,	2 50
Mary E. Pratt,	2 50	Patrick Sullivan,	2 00
		Frank Vardis,	2 00
			$147 96

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Tower & Doane, distributing Town Reports,	$3 00
A. W. Williams, services as Constable and Truant Officer, 1872,	20 00
A. W. Williams, services as Constable and Truant Officer, 1873,	35 00
A. W. Williams, labors on guide-posts,	2 25
Samuel D. Tower, horse hire, Town Clerk, 1872,	5 00
" " paint for flagstaff,	5 45
Osgood & Doane, distributing School Reports,	2 50
Michael Brennock, labor on flagstaff,	9 50
C. A. Gross, stationery and postage,	19 26
Est. Edward Tower, " "	3 51

Paid Jesse Tower, funeral expenses for father,	$24 00
Frank J. Damon, repairing snow plow,	2 75
Allen C. Bates, sealer weights & measures,	50 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, State House,	25 00
Zaccheus Rich, services as Constable & Truant Officer,	40 00
L. N. Lincoln, " " " "	25 00
" " " under Dog Law,	4 50
" " " and expenses on State Aid,	30 00
E. E. Ellms, stationery,	2 50
Ezra Towle, return of Deaths,	10 50
Chas. H. Wood, use of well,	1 00
Daniel W. Pratt, street signs,	2 50
Newcomb Bates, ringing bell and care of clock,	35 00
D. S. G. Doane, repairs on clock,	5 00
N. B. Tower, recording Births, Deaths & Marriages,	38 20
W. A. W. Tilden, estimating on plans,	5 84
T. M. Smith, teaming,	4 00
" " horse hire, Assessors,	8 00
" " " Selectmen,	9 00
" " " Superintendent of Schools,	41 00
A. H. Tower Jr. & Bro., sign post, &c.,	4 78
L. N. Lincoln, posting Town Warrants, &c.,	8 00
" " opening Hall & attending Town meetings,	8 00
" " services & expenses on Corporation tax,	20 00
" " " on Committee,	25 00
Martin Lincoln, horse hire,	16 00
" " services on Committees,	25 00
Adna Bates, State Aid,	6 00
" " services on Committees,	25 00
Henry W. Beal, expressing,	7 70
	$614 74

RECAPITULATION.

Expenditures on School Houses,	$3,889 26
Fire Department,	156 38
Special Repairs on Jerusalem Road,	1,230 00
Removing Ledge, Snow Place,	179 86
Special Appropriation, King Street,	50 60
Widening Border Street,	1,827 11
" South Main Street,	88 70
Removing Ledge, Hull Street,	19 80

Removing Ledge, Hull Street,	$49 76
Roads & Bridges,	842 87
Removing Snow from Streets and Sidewalks,	559 22
Repairs of Highways,	1,827 73
Board of Health,	192 22
Town Officers,	875 25
Town House,	27 55
Printing,	216 51
School Appropriation,	4,700 00
State & County Tax,	4,915 80
School Books,	97 13
State Aid,	594 00
Well at Damon's Corner,	57 78
Abatement of Taxes,	147 96
Miscellaneous,	614 74
Orders to Overseers of Poor,	4,608 85
	$27,769 08

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,

February 10, 1874.

FUNDED DEBT AS FOLLOWS, VIZ.: —

Cohasset Savings Bank, seven notes due April 1, 1874, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80,		$7,000 00
Estate, Calvin Merriam, due April 1, 1874,		500 00
" Newcomb Bates, " " 1875,		500 00
		$8,000 00

DEMAND NOTES, VIZ.:—

Cohasset Savings Bank, three notes,	$9,000 00	
Cohasset M. F. Ins. Co., two notes,	1,600 00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., February 7, 1873,	1,000 00	
Morgan B. Stetson, May 26, 1873,	250 00	
Caleb F. Nichols, July 7, 1873,	240 00	
Ellen Lothrop, July 11, 1873,	240 00	
Drusilla S. Lothrop, July 11, 1873,	240 00	
Elizabeth N. Thaxter, " "	240 00	
J. Q. A. Lothrop, " "	200 00	
		$13,010 00
Total interest paying debt,		$21,010 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN,

February 10, 1874.

Due from the State for State Aid,	$1,143 50
" " " Paupers,	475 00
Due from Town of Hull, " board at Almshouse,	66 00
" " " " schooling, 1873,	100 00
" " " " repairs at Straits' Pond,	66 21
" John J. Lothrop for support of Son,	394 06
" William B. Taylor " " " 1873,	204 90
" Lot Willcutt,	45 90
Balance in Treasury,	2,603 57
	$5,099 14

Amount of interest paying debt,	$21,010 00
Deduct Assets of the Town,	5,099 14
Actual debt,	$15,910 86

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN LINCOLN,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
ADNA BATES,
} *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1874.

Almshouse Account.

Stock on hand, February 1st, 1873,	$2,555 50
Paid Richard Bourne, wagon and hay,	26 50
Polly B. Coin, labor,	51 50
C. F. Nichols, groceries and clothing,	63 82
Samuel Bates, store bill,	29 45
Mary Sweeney, labor,	12 00
Thomas Williams, labor,	190 00
C. A. Gross, grain and groceries,	174 92
Samuel D. Tower, repairing wagon, etc.,	14 50
M. B. Stetson & Co., grain and groceries,	96 86
F. J. Damon, smithing,	18 00
C. H. Willard, grain and groceries,	56 66
James H. Nichols, " "	81 94
D. W. Hunt, bread,	4 04
Brown & Co., medicines,	5 75
Nancy Nichols, labor,	28 00
A. A. Blaney, salary,	450 00
Ripley & Newhall, furniture,	3 50
Thomas F. Kinsley, labor,	155 00
Barden H. Prouty, butchering,	5 50
Wm. F. Thayer, beef,	3 87
D. S. G. Doane, sea manure,	5 00
Philander Bates, repairing shoes,	2 95
E. E. Ellms, groceries and medicines,	17 85
Thomas Beal, repairing harness,	2 55
Aaron Pratt, standing wood,	9 75
Ezra Brown, grain and groceries,	320 69
C. F. Tilden, smithing, etc.,	41 75
Charles H. Wood, labor,	2 25
Lewis L. Wheelwright, fish,	4 85
Miss Ross, labor,	23 00
A. A. Blaney, paid sundry bills,	10 00
J. Hicks & Co., grain and groceries,	67 20
John Howard, labor,	7 00
Bourne & Nickerson, beef, etc.,	148 46
Martin Lincoln, ox team,	7 50
" " services,	35 00
L. N. Lincoln, services,	35 00

Paid Adna Bates, services,	$35 00
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal and hardware,	50 62
Dr. G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	10 00
J. St. John, tailoring,	8 00
	$4,871 73

Stock at Almshouse, February 1, 1874.

1 Farm Wagon,	$100 00	2 Horses,	$500 00
1 Hay "	20 00	2 Cows,	150 00
1 Express "	120 00	40 Hens,	30 00
1 Covered "	25 00	5 Turkeys,	10 00
2 Horse Carts,	120 00	30 lbs. Sausages,	4 00
1 " Sled,	15 00	1 Barrel Flour,	11 00
1 Harrow,	6 00	½ " Vinegar,	6 00
1 Sleigh,	5 00	½ " Apples,	2 50
3 Ploughs,	15 00	Groceries,	41 00
2 Wagon Harnesses,	50 00	65 Bushels Potatoes,	58 50
2 Cart "	40 00	Roots,	10 50
1 Lead Harness,	12 00	2 Carriage Robes,	12 00
6 Tons English Hay,	180 00	Grindstone,	2 00
Lot Manure,	78 00	Farming Tools.	45 00
Drills, Hammers, &c.,	38 00	6 Cords Hard Wood,	39 00
Chains,	10 00	5 " Pine "	25 00
Carpenters' Tools,	4 25	1½ Tons Coal,	15 00
Saws, Axes and Hatchets,	10 00	Meal and Bags,	6 20
1 Paint Brush,	1 00	600 lbs. Salt Pork,	72 00
Casks and Barrels,	17 00	134 " Lard,	16 08
Wooden Ware, &c.,	30 00	48 " Butter,	20 08
4 Stoves and Fixtures,	100 00	300 " Hams & Shoulders,	30 00
Cutlery and Spoons,	10 50	Tin, Earthern and Stoneware,	55 00
Household Furniture,	365 00	Queen and Glassware,	20 00
			$2,552 61

Almshouse Account Sales and Labor.

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By Bourne & Nickerson, 2 calves,	$24 78
Z. D. Lincoln, drawing wood,	4 00
Martin Lincoln, pig	4 00
Town Hull, board of pauper,	66 00
Labor on Streets, by men and teams,	1,726 00
	$1,824 78

Amount of sales and labor,	$1,824 78	
" " stock on hand,	2,552 61	
	$4,377 39	
Debit brought forward,		$4,871 73
Credit " "		4,377 39
Almshouse debtor to balance,		$494 34

Expenses of inmates at Almshouse 272 weeks, at 1.81\frac{20}{272}$ per week, amounts to . . . $494 34

SUPPORT OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMHOUSE.

For the Year ending Febraury 1st, 1874.

Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for David Willcutt,		$204 95
" " " Josephine E. Bates,		184 90
" " " John J. Lothrop,		210 93
" " " C. J. Dady,		197 92
" " " Wm. Kilburn,		196 10
" " " Wm. Taylor,		204 90
		$1,199 70

Assistance to David Vinal.

Paid Wm. O. Souther, wood,	$8 50	
E. E. Ellms, groceries,	162 00	
R. T. Burbank, wood,	4 00	
Dr. G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	15 00	
		$189 50

Assistance to Manuel Joseph.

Paid C. F. Nichols, groceries,	$51 66	
A. H. Tower Jr. & Bro., coal and wood,	15 75	
Ezra Towle, funeral exp. Anna Joseph,	27 00	
		$94 41

Assistance to Isabella Sylvia.

Paid C. F. Nichols, groceries,	$47 00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., wood,	8 25	
Dr. G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	10 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, etc.,	16 50	
		$81 75

Assistance to J. P. Wheelwright.

Paid Daniel J. Bates, groceries,	$126 00	
Lot Bates, wood,	11 83	
Ezra Brown, groceries,	25 22	
Dr. G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,.	10 00	
		$173 05

Assistance to John Willcutt.

Paid James H. Nichols, groceries,	$23 47	
R. T. Burbank, wood,	35 00	
Bourne & Nickerson, beef,	23 55	
H. A. Wheelwright, wood,	3 50	
		$85 52

Paid City of Boston, assistance to Sarah B. Joy,		$44 68
" " " Elizabeth J. Nichols,		37 01
" " " Eunice Sterling,		68 68
" " " John C. Orcutt,		27 62
C. F. Nichols, assistance to Henry Williston,		31 95
Martin Lincoln, services and expenses,		35 00
L. N. Lincoln, " "		35 00
Adna Bates, " "		35 00
A. H. Tower, Jr.& Bro., assistance to Harrison Henry,		5 00
Ezra Brown, assistance to Edward H. Arnold,		13 08
" " Sarah Everett,		67 21
" " Caroline Litchfield,		15 09
J. Hicks & Co., " Mrs. Carter,		5 33
A. H. Tower Jr. & Bro., assistance to Mrs. King,		4 28
" " " Wm. Hayden,		7 93
C. F. Nichols, assistance to Isaac H. Tower,		31 55
		$464 41

Cr.

By amount due from J. J. Lothrop, ...	$394 06
" " C. J. Dady, ...	197 92
" " William B. Taylor, . . .	204 90
" " Lot Willcutt, ...	45 90
	$842 78
Outside Expenses brought forward, ...	$2,288 34
" Credit " " . . .	842 78
Outside Expenses Dr. to balance, ...	$1,445 56

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN LINCOLN,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
ADNA BATES,
Overseers of Poor of Cohasset.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of Real Estate,	May 1, 1872, .	$1,208,503 00
" " Personal Estate,	" " .	860,012 00
		$2,068,515 00
Valuation of Real Estate,	May 1, 1873, .	$1,325,702 00
" " Personal Estate,	" .	902,907 00
		$2,228,609 00
Increase in valuation in 1873, . . .		$160,094 00
Number of Polls, May 1, 1873,	553,	
Tax on Polls and Estate, . . .		$26,735 00
Rate per cent. on $1,000, .	$11.50.	

Number of Dwelling-houses, May 1, 1873, . .	479
" " Horses, May 1, 1873, . . .	183
" " Cows, " "	199
" " Sheep, " "	123
" " Acres of Land Taxed, May 1, 1873, .	5,812⅝

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED THE ENSUING YEAR.

For Payment of Debt, ...	$1,500 00
Payment of Interest, ...	1,500 00
Discount on Taxes, ...	1,400 00
Support of Poor, ...	2,000 00
Roads and Bridges, ...	600 00
Removing Snow, ...	500 00
Repairs on School-houses, ...	400 00
Support of Schools, ...	4,900 00
Repairs of Highway, ...	2,500 00
Town Officers, ...	1,000 00
Printing and Fire Department, . . .	500 00
Miscellaneous, ...	600 00
Special repairs, Jerusalem Road, . . .	2,000 00
Other works commenced, but not finished, .	300 00
	$19,500 00

LIST OF PERSONS WHO PAY A TAX OF $50 AND UPWARDS.

Jonathan B. Bates,	$101	38	
Loring Bates,	100	33	
Elizabeth B. Bryant,	589	64	
Heirs of Henry Bryant,	2,300	00	
Warren Bates, 2d,	70	78	
Levi N. Bates,	78	76	
Thomas Bates,	82	64	
John Bates,	371	32	
John Bates and others,	51	75	
John W. Bates,	84	98	
Samuel Bates,	51	45	
Abiah Baker,	106	46	
Heirs of Ruth L. Bailey,	53	36	
George Beal,	66	98	
David Beal,	51	66	
Washington Brown,	202	08	
James Collier,	132	53	
Charles A. Cousens,	125	11	
James C. Doane,	77	04	
Estate of Thomas Hudson,	84	24	
Estate of John Hunt,	66	99	
James Hall,	198	65	
Waldo Higginson,	71	00	
Mary Higginson,	242	94	
Joshua Jenkins,	581	02	
Samuel L. Jenkins,	50	30	
Estate of Wm. B. Johnson,	226	81	
Bela Joy,	110	15	
Peter C. Kimball,	124	66	
Moses Lincoln,	54	86	
Ephraim Lincoln,	66	41	
Sarah J. Lawrence,	71	25	
Martin Lincoln,	105	73	
Cornelius Lincoln,	94	00	
Bethia Lothrop,	278	90	
John J. Lothrop,	118	09	
Zenas D. Lincoln,	58	07	
James H. Little,	65	25	
Mary Masters,	60	96	
Frank B. Muzzey,	62	95	
Edward W. Muzzey,	67	55	
Perkins & Cotting, Trustees Muzzey estate,	621	00	
Aaron Nichols,	54	47	
Estate of Caleb Nichols,	66	23	
Joseph Osgood,	50	58	
Ruth J. Oakes,	145	56	
Estate of John Parker,	50	17	
Estate of Paul Pratt,	117	30	
William Parker,	600	00	
Charles Pratt,	56	49	
Estate of Henry Pratt,	53	14	
T. H. Perkins,	299	57	
Job Pratt,	59	28	
Howard Pratt,	56	38	
Edward D. Peters,	148	93	
James Pratt,	70	62	
Thomas F. Richardson,	383	54	
James Stoddard,	75	62	
Ephraim Snow,	174	80	
Estate of Laban Souther,	83	15	
Thomas Smith,	108	18	
Thomas M. Smith,	135	11	
Joseph H. Smith,	83	66	
Morgan B. Stetson,	116	88	
George O. Sears,	114	70	
Sears & Wheelwright,	62	10	
Estate of Wm. D. Sohier,	236	46	
Edward E. Tower,	612	89	
A. H. Tower,	517	50	
A. H. Tower, Jr.,	89	54	
A. H. Tower, Jr., and Bro.,	112	70	
Frederic Tower,	58	06	
Estate of Nichols Tower,	71	38	
Zealous B. Tower,	84	53	
Charles F. Tilden,	58	93	
Henry Tollman,	479	54	
Theodore F. Tobey,	89	69	
Alfred Whittington,	75	77	
John Wilson,	62	39	
Myra B. Willcutt,	67	85	
Levi L. Worrick,	77	80	
Charles H. Willard,	67	15	
James H. Weeks,	192	90	
John Worthington,	462	00	
Martha Barry,	460	00	

Estate of Martin Bates,	$411	60	
James L. Baker,	100	63	
G. T. W. Braman,	164	02	
Ivory Bean,	103	50	
Estate of Chas. Cunningham,	73	89	
Edward Cunningham,	266	65	
Horace H. Coolidge,	65	26	
John C. Howe,	90	56	
Henry D. Hyde,	97	18	
Lyman Hollingsworth,	196	65	
Samuel Kneeland,	115	00	
Joseph Leonard,	95	45	
Samuel W. Luce,	140	30	
Clark & Leatherbee,	$54	05	
J. B. Moors,	248	98	
James McCormick,	79	01	
Francis J. Oliver,	62	68	
William Pope,	117	88	
Soloman S. Rowe,	117	88	
Francis Sprague,	51	75	
Eben Sears,	77	05	
South Shore Railroad,	116	15	
Charles F. Thayer,	57	50	
Andrew C. Wheelwright,	202	19	
Sarah Wheelwright,	308	90	

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR.

March	24.	Nicholas Tower.
"	24.	Soloman J. Beal.
April	17.	John W. Bates.
Aug.	23.	William V. Creed.
Sept.	12.	John Howard.
October	3.	Thomas Lincoln, Jr.
Nov.	26.	Thomas A. Bates.
Dec.	12.	Alexander T. Prouty.
Feb.	3.	Robert B. Pratt.

A LIST OF JURORS,

As prepared by the Selectmen, to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town, at its Annual Town Meeting, March 2, 1874.

J. Milner Allen.
Loring Bates.
Daniel J. Bates.
David Beal.
George Bates.
George Beal.
John Bates.
Washington Brown.
Allen C. Bates.
Joseph J. Bates.
Zaccheus L. Beal.
Louis Cushing.
Horace J. Damon.
Philip Fox.
Henry K. Hall.
Charles H. Wood.
Alfred Whittington.
Ephraim Lincoln, Jr.
Zenas D. Lincoln.
J. Loring Litchfield.
C. James Pratt.
Daniel W. Pratt.
Job Pratt.
William L. Pratt.
Zaccheus Rich.
Alson S. Richardson.
Henry Snow.
Morgan B. Stetson.
Moses Sargent.
Thomas M. Smith.
Charles F. Tilden.
Thomas Willcutt.

TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Dr.

High School.

1873–4.

Paid Principal,	$1,250 00	
1st Assistant,	445 00	
2d "	105 00	
Estate of Calvin Merriam, half cord of wood,	3 00	
Morgan B. Stetson, half cord of wood,	3 00	
Galen James, one & one-half cords of wood,	8 00	
A. H. Tower, one & one-half cords of wood,	11 00	
E. P. Collier, labor on wood,	3 50	
E. P. & H. Collier, " " "	2 00	
George Osgood, " " "	3 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal,	100 01	
Lincoln & Collier, making fires and care of rooms,	19 10	
E. P. Collier, making fires and care of rooms,	6 60	
E. P. & H. Collier, making fires and care of rooms,	19 80	
		$1,979 01

Jerusalem School.

Paid teacher,	$300 00	
David Beal, wood and labor on do.,	52 63	
A. W. Beal, labor on wood,	3 50	
J. E. Beal, making fires last year,	5 00	
		$361 13

North Schools.

Paid Grammar School teacher,	$285 00	
Primary " "	240 00	
J. R. Coolbrith, labor on wood,	7 00	
Collier & Pratt, making fires,	4 00	
A. H. Tower, three and a half cords of wood,	31 00	

Paid Teachers, care of fires and rooms, summer term,	$6 00	
Geo. Osgood, labor on wood,	4 50	
Making fires,	8 00	
		$585 50

Centre Schools.

Paid Grammar school teacher,	$300 00	
Primary " "	240 00	
Samuel James, half cord wood,	3 00	
Franklin N. Bates, making fires,	4 00	
" " " labor on wood,	3 00	
Galen James, half cord wood,	4 00	
William Mulvey, labor on wood,	2 31	
P. Litchfield, half cord wood,	3 00	
Teacher's care of fires and rooms, summer term,	6 00	
George Osgood, labor on wood,	1 87	
Henry P. Bates, making fires,	8 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal,	30 08	
		$605 26

South Schools.

Paid Grammar School Teacher,	$300 00	
Primary " "	240 00	
Galen James, half cord wood,	4 00	
A. H. Tower, " "	3 00	
Teachers, care of fires and rooms, Summer term,	6 00	
Chas. B. Pratt, labor on wood,	4 50	
F. H. Pratt, " "	2 80	
Making fires,	12 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal,	49 55	
		$621 85

Beechwood Schools.

Paid Grammar School Teacher,	$405 00	
Primary " "	240 00	
W. W. Bates, making fires last year,	8 00	
J. W. Bates, 1 cord of wood,	7 00	

Paid L. W. Bates, labor on wood,	$9 00	
Teachers, making fires and care of rooms,	12 00	
Lot Bates, 1 cord wood,	6 00	
Lewis Bates, labor on wood,	14 00	
Ezra Brown, 4½ cords wood,	36 00	
		$737 00

HARBOR SCHOOL.

Paid Teacher,	$138 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal,	18 85	
Teacher, care of fires and room,	3 00	
T. Allen Rich, " "	4 00	
		$163 85

PERKINS SCHOOL.

Paid Teacher,	$125 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid A. S. Manson, 6 Manuals of Penmanship,	$4 50	
A. Williams & Co., Reference Books,	23 69	
		$28 19
		$5,206 79
Unexpended balance,		156 04
		$5,362 83

Cr.

By unexpended balance of last year,	$162 09	
Town Appropriation,	4,700 00	
Dog Licences,	136 08	
Ripley School Fund,	60 00	
Town of Hull, schooling children,	106 05	
Massachusetts School Fund,	183 61	
Cash of H. Mott, schooling child,	15 00	
		$5,362 83

L. N. BATES,

Treasurer of School Committee.

Dr. Town of Cohasset in account with

1873–4.

To Paid Selectmen's orders drawn to date,	$17,411	81
Assessors' orders, for Abatement of Taxes,	147	96
State Aid to families of deceased Soldiers,	594	00
Town's appropriations for Schools,	4,700	00
Additional sums for same account,	500	74
Discount on Taxes paid to September 1, 1873,	1,376	41
State Tax for 1873,	2,925	00
County Tax for 1873,	1,990	81
Levi Lincoln, note due April 1, 1873,	500	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due April 1, 1873,	1,000	00
Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money,	1,000	00
Hingham Ins. for Savings, hired money,	2,000	00
Hingham National Bank, hired money,	1,500	00
Interest on Town Notes,	1,321	81
	$36,968	54

Balance in Treasury,	$2,603	57
	$39,572	11

Cohasset, Feb. 10, 1874.

A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer. Cr.

1873–4.

By Balance in Treasury from former account,		$1,032 57
Received of State Treasurer, balance of Corporation Tax, 1872,		626 98
Received of State Treasurer Corporation Tax, 1873,		1,469 90
" " " National Bank Tax, 1873,		1,129 70
" " " State Aid,		606 00
" " " Income of Mass. School Fund, 1873,		183 61
" " " Interest on Tax paid in anticipation,		43 87
" County Treasurer for Dog Licenses,		136 08
" " " Interest on Tax paid in anticipation,		31 00
" Town of Hingham, for board of A. J. Gardner,		20 00
" Town of Hull, for Schooling, &c,		107 55
" Estate of Jesse Tower, for sale of real estate,		296 60
" James Dady, for his wife's support in full,		197 92
" John J. Lothrop, on acct. for support of son,		159 00
" L. N. Lincoln, for income Town Hall,		71 00
" Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., rent of office to March 1, 1874,		30 00
" Charles S. Bates, for Loam and Labor, 1872,		59 50
" E. E. Ellms, for Plank, 1872,		5 50
" Sundry persons, old stock from School-house,		19 62
" Z. D. Lincoln, Labor by Almshouse team,		4 00
" Martin Lincoln, stock from Almshouse,		4 00
" Henry Mott, for Schooling,		15 00
" Bourne & Nickerson, Stock from Almshouse,		24 78
" Pedlar, for License,		8 00
" Interest of Ripley Fund,		60 00
" Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money,	3,000 00	
" Hingham Ins. for Savings, "	2,000 00	
" Morgan B. Stetson, "	250 00	
" Ellen Lothrop, "	240 00	
" Drusilla S. Lothrop, "	240 00	
" Elizabeth N. Thaxter, "	240 00	
" Caleb F. Nichols, "	240 00	
" J. Q. A. Lothrop, "	200 00	
" Amount of Tax list, 1873,	26,819 93	
		$39,572 11

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

LIST OF

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN COHASSET FOR THE YEAR 1873.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS.

Date of Birth.	NAME.	Residence of Parents.	Place of Birth.
January 6,	Mary Caroline Bates, . .	Cohasset, .	South Main Street.
" 26,	Clara Kimball Nickerson, .	" .	" "
February 9,	Joseph Adams Valine, . .	" .	Margin Street.
" 28,	Mabel Thayer Pratt, . .	" .	Spring Street.
March 1,	Nellie Studley, ...	" .	Pleasant Street.
" 4,	James Thomas St. John, .	" .	South Main Street.
" 11,	Winslow Davis Morse, . .	" .	North Main Street.
" 15,	* Aineslie, . .	" .	Beechwood Street.
" 22,	Helen May Bates, . . .	" .	South Main Street.
April 1,	Nathaniel Williams Treat,	" .	Margin Street.
" 26,	Clara Wentworth Rich, .	Hyde Park,	Summer Street.
May 3,	Sarah Sweeney, ...	Cohasset, .	North Main Street.
" 9,	*Harry L. Barnes, . . .	" .	Jerusalem Road.
" 24,	Catharine O'Kief, . . .	" .	North Main Street.
June 1,	Abby Frances Tower, . .	" .	South Main Street.
" 1,	Alice S. Ennice, ...	" .	Snow Place.
" 7,	Charles Williams Studley,	" .	Atlantic Avenue.
" 10,	Mary Jane Nichols, . . .	" .	North Main Street.
" 25,	James Overn McCormick,	" .	Pond Street.
" 27,	Antoine Miller, ...	" .	Snow Place.
July 16,	Markwich, .	" .	Beechwood Street.
" 20,	Mary Frates Bates, . . .	" .	" "
" 21,	Georgianna Rollins, . . .	" .	" "
" 25,	Peter King, ...	" .	Margin Street.
August 3,	Fred Clifton Blossom, . .	" .	Border Street.
" 6,	Clement Bates Tower, .	Boston, . .	South Main Street.
" 7,	Joseph Fay Martin, . . .	Cohasset, .	Snow Place.
" 8,	*Charles E. Bates, . . .	" .	North Main Street.
" 15,	Gracie Wright, ...	Waltham, .	" "
" 17,	Adelaide Jones Moors, . .	Boston, . .	Jerusalem Road.
" 25,	Maud Allison Hayden, . .	Cohasset, .	South Main Street.

BIRTHS—(Continued.)

Date of Birth.	NAME.	Residence of Parents.	Place of Birth.
September 5,	Manuel Silvia Leonard, .	Cohasset, .	Elm Street.
" 13,	Harry Martin Ripley, . .	" .	Born in Hingham.
" 14,	Addie Cora Munnies, . .	" .	Beechwood Street.
" 20,	Herbert Bradford Prouty,	" .	Elm Street.
" 22,	John Joseph McCormick, .	Boston, . .	North Main Street.
" 28,	Arthur Kane Antoine, . .	Cohasset, .	Beechwood Street.
October 5,	James Thomas Smith, . .	" .	Elm Street.
" 17,	Arthur Williams Hall, . .	" .	Snow Place.
" 25,	James Michael Caton, . .	" .	Pleasant Street.
" 26,	Joseph Thomas Morey, .	" .	South Main Street.
" 28,	Samuel Clark Bates, } Twins,	" .	Highland Avenue.
	Paul Joy Bates, }	" .	
" 31,	Sarah Ann Aineslie, . .	" .	Margin Street.
November 3,	Joseph Franlin Crane, . .	" .	King Street.
" 7,	Hannah Elizabeth Mulchi,	" .	Pleasant Street.
" 11,	Laura Lizzie James, . .	" .	King Street.
" 12,	Irene Frances Smith, . .	" .	Beechwood Street.
" 16,	Clara Gracia, ...	" .	Border Street.
" 22,	Caroline Augusta Litchfield,	" .	Beechwood Street.
" 22,	Laura Miller, ...	" .	Elm Street.
" 22,	*May Lander Williams, .	" .	Highland Avenue.
December 29,	Bates, . . .	" .	Beechwood Street.
" 31,	Cushing, . .	" .	South Main Street

* See in the List of Deaths also.

By the foregoing List it appears there have been fifty-four births registered in this town for the year 1873, (an increase of eighteen over the previous year,) all of which, with one exception, took place in the town. Of this number there were born of

Parents both of foreign birth,			.	18
"	one	"	" . .	9
"	neither	"	" . .	27

There also appears to have been twenty-eight male and twenty-six female children registered as above, but of this number four, (three males and one female,) died before the close of the year, leaving living on the first day of January, 1874, but fifty of the number, consisting of an equal number of males and females.

DEATHS.

Date.	NAME.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Disease.	Place of Death.
Jan. 1,	Sarah Bates	87	3	18	Gangrene	North Main St.
" 15,	Cinthia T. Hall	78	7	12	Senile Decay	Highland Ave.
" 19,	*Sarah W. Edwards	55	9	12	Dropsy	Border St.
" 31,	George Beal	77	6	17	Angina Pectoris	North Main St.
Feb. 12,	Elizabeth P. Farrar	10	6	24	Diphtheria	Border St.
Mar. 6,	Edward Tower	65	3	3	Pneumonia	South Main St.
" 12,	Harriet E. Morse	37	4	3	Puerperal Convulsions	North Main St.
" 16,	Aineslie	0	0	1	Infantile	Beechwood St.
" 19,	Sarah Lewis Beal	29	4	0	Consumption of Blood	Elm St.
" 29,	†Samuel Delano	41	0	0	Pneumonia	Spring St.
April 5,	Sarah B. Mayo	57	4	7	Dropsy	North Main St.
" 24,	Mary Whitcomb	42	0	0	Pneumonia	Beechwood St.
" 24,	Bernarda Louise Rose	78	0	0	Senile Decay	Border St.
" 27,	Henry Williston	68	5	0	Peritonitis	King St.
May 2,	Lois Whitcomb	74	10	0	Pneumonia	Beechwood St.
" 14,	Mary Francis	0	7	20	Measles	Margin St.
" 22,	Annie E. George	0	10	0	Canker	Atlantic Ave.
June 5,	Joel W. Lincoln	44	4	16	Consumption	Elm St.
" 7,	Priscilla Creed	78	3	7	Senile Decay	Snow Place.
" 13,	Rose V. Frates	29	8	5	Pneumonia	Spring St.
" 26,	Robert H. Aineslie	16	7	23	Phthisis Pulmonalis	Margin St.
July 5,	Margaret Aineslie	71	3	0	Old Age	Beechwood St.
" 28,	Lincoln Bates	37	10	0	Gastritis	Jerusalem Road.
Aug. 4,	Martha J. Nichols	32	11	0	Phthisis Pulmonalis	Border St.
" 7,	John A. Saloan	22	3	17	" "	Elm St.
" 18,	Charles F. Hamilton	0	9	0	Cholera Infantum	Pleasant St.
" 22,	Harry L. Barnes	0	3	14	" "	Jerusalem Road.
Sept. 1,	Charles E. Bates	0	0	24	Dysentery	North Main St.
" 2,	Manuel Gracia	3	0	0	Heart Disease	Border St.
" 10,	John Willcutt	86	7	27	Senile Decay	North Main St.
" 21,	‡Henry F. Stoddard	26	7	0	Fracture of Skull	Jerusalem Road.
" 26,	Frank George	28	0	0	Typhoid Fever	Atlantic Ave.
Oct. 9,	Agnes Pratt	0	9	12	Meningitis	North Main St.
Nov. 2,	Edmund Estes	77	1	11	Old Age	Highland Ave.
" 4,	Nancy C. Williams	17	0	15	Typhoid Fever	Beechwood St.
" 6,	Lydia Bates	93	6	26	Senile Decay	South Main St.
" 13,	John W. Bates	33	2	0	Typhoid Fever	Beechwood St.
" 21,	Abiah A. Baker	65	3	0	Cancer of Bowels	Jerusalem Road.
" 28,	Peter W. Henry	0	15	0	Acute Meningitis	North Main St.
" 28,	May L. Williams	0	0	6	Hydro Cephalus	Highland Ave.
Dec. 1,	Cora S. Groce	3	10	8	Scarlet Fever	Jerusalem Road.
" 17,	Anna R. Joseph	36	0	0	Pneumonia	Beechwood St.
" 28,	Harriet M. Doane	45	9	15	Paralysis	North Main St.

* A Resident of Cambridgeport.

† " Duxbury.

‡ " West Scituate.

The foregoing list contains the names, ages, etc., of all who have died in the town during the year 1873, making in number forty-three — twenty males and twenty-three females — (an increase of seventeen over the previous year,) their average age being about thirty-eight years nine months and eight days.

A number of natives of the town, resident and non-resident, who have died elsewhere, and others whose bodies have been

brought to this town for interment, have their names registered in addition to the above. The list of such is as follows:

Date.	NAME.	Age.			Place of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
March 23	*George W. Gardner	41	9	0	Roxbury.
April 8	Isaac Pratt	23	3	26	Boston.
July 1	Richard Martin	70	4	0	"
August 15	Bertie W. Pratt	5	11	21	Cambridge.
" 30	Amos W. Farrington	42	0	29	Lowell.
Sept. 1	Polly Nichols	83	5	0	Medford.
" 25	Alfred R. Tirrell	26	5	0	Hingham.
October 9	Philip Eaton	0	3	27	Hull.
" 24	Frederick A. R. Nickerson	25	0	3	Lynn.
Dec. 17	Mary Bates	0	3	0	Everett.

* Buried at Roxbury.

MARRIAGES.

Date.	NAMES.	Where and by Whom Married.
Jan. 1,	William H. Litchfield, of Cohasset Olive C. Litchfield, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Charles B. Smith.
" 16,	Andrew W. Williams, of Cohasset Fanny A. Paul, of Ottawa, Ill.	Married at Kendallsville, Ind., by Rev. William Wilson.
April 10,	John H. Cunningham, of Charlestown. Frances E. Prouty, of Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens.
" 24,	Thomas J. Rose, of Cohasset Mary Rose, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
June 14,	Peter King, of Cohasset Margaret Lavenge, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 24,	George F. Sargent, of Cohasset Sarah M. Bates, "	Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq.
July 24,	Joshua H. Putnam, of Brookline Ella E. Putnam, of Wilton, N. H.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens.
Aug. 11,	Ezra Vinal, Jr., of Boston Jane E. Sellon, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens.
" 23,	Matthews M. Ramas, of Cohasset Maria Sceao, "	Married in Weymouth by Rev. H. P. Smyth.
" 24,	Charles P. Bicknell, of Hingham Ida V. Parker, of Scituate	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
Sept. 15,	William R. Emerson, of Boston Sylvia H. Watson, of Milton	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 21,	Laurence F. Johnson, of Boston Annie Woods, of Cohasset	Married in Hingham by Rev. H. P. Smyth.

MARRIAGES—(Continued.)

Date.	NAMES.	Where and by Whom Married.
Oct. 16,	Andrew Moran, of Boston..... Matilda A. Prouty, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens.
" 29,	William P. Hawthorne, of Scituate.... Esther A. Harris, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
Nov. 2,	Thomas Harris, of Scituate..... Nellie F. Duffey, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 15,	Thomas Roach, of Cohasset..... Annie Ahearn, "	Married in Scituate by Rev. P. J. Leddy.
" 20,	A. Hobart Tower, Jr., of Cohasset..... Fannie Hincks, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 27,	Henry L. Morris, of Cohasset..... Addie M. Litchfield, of South Scituate.	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 28,	Caleb Litchfield, of South Scituate. ... Lourania Bates, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq.
Dec. 11,	Horace K. Marden, of Weymouth..... Lizzie R. Lincoln, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev. T. L. Rogers.
" 11,	Wallace S. Dunbar, of Boston..... Sarah W. Prouty, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 14,	Waldo F. Bates, of Cohasset..... Georgia H. Clapp, of Scituate.....	Married in Scituate by Rev. N. P. Gilman.
" 15,	Antoine Frates, of Cohasset..... Rita J. Conceicao, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 18,	William O. Souther, of Cohasset..... Orianna A. Lincoln, "	Married in Hingham by Rev. A. S. Garver.
" 25,	Allen F. Carpenter, of Somerville..... Caroline S. Pratt, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 29,	Louis K. F. Howland, of Charlestown.. Sarah E. Prouty, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens.

Whole number of marriages registered during the year 1873, twenty-six, an increase of four over the previous year.

Any errors or omissions in the lists of Births, Deaths or Marriages should be reported at once to the Town Clerk.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING
March 2d, 1874.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all Town officers required by law.

Art. 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the support of Schools, repairs of Highways, Support of the Poor, and other necessary charges for the current year.

Art. 5. In what manner will the Town collect their taxes the current year, and how shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Art. 6. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and families of the slain.

Art. 7. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards, and act thereon.

Art. 8. Will the Town accept the list of Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 9. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Art. 10. Will the Town cause a Reservoir to be constructed, on the northerly part of the Plain or Common, in the central part of the Town.

Art. 11. Will the Town cause the road near the North School-House to be widened and straightened.

Art. 12. Will the Town make an appropriation for special repairs on Jerusalem Road.

Art. 13. Will the Town cause that part of Border Street, near Gulf Bridge, to be widened and straightened upon the west side of the same.

Art. 14. Will the Town make an appropriation for widening the travel part of the road, south of the dwelling-house of Mrs. S. J. Lawrence.

Art. 15. Will the Town cause a School-House to be built in King Street, or act in any way in relation to the same.

Art. 16. Will the Town vote to pay the Treasurer of the School Committee for his services as such.

Art. 17. To know if the Town will lease (for a term of years) to Zaccheus Rich, a part of the old Shipyard near the head of the Harbor, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Carpenter's shop.

Art. 18. To know if the Town will make an appropriation for widening the road in Great Swamp, on North Main Street.

Art. 19. Will the Town take any action in regard to that part of Jerusalem Road over the meadow below "Steep Rocks."

Art. 20. Will the Town take any measures for the removal of the Cooper's Shop standing on the highway near the Harbor School-House, either by purchase or otherwise.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintendent of Schools, in Cohasset, respectfully submits to the School Committee the subjoined Report.

Early in the school year an important change was made in the oversight and management of the schools. At an especial town meeting, the School Committee were authorized to appoint a Superintendent to take charge of the schools. I was appointed to that office; and the arrangement was made that the Superintendent should visit the schools, have an oversight and direction of the studies, place the children in the proper schools and classes, select and examine teachers, have the care of repairing and properly furnishing the school buildings, provide fuel, employ persons to keep the rooms in order and make the fires; and, in general, that he should perform all the duties usually devolving on the School Committee, but in all respects should be subject to the advice and approval of said Committee.

At the time of the appointment the schools were in operation, the Spring term having begun, and teachers for the year having been engaged in all the schools then organized. The general arrangement of the schools that had been observed for a number of years, with the

recommendations contained in the last year's Report, had been adopted, and no change in any respect seemed to be necessary. No children were advanced, as had been the custom at the beginning of the school year, from the lower to higher schools.

The first duty of the Superintendent, then, was, as he judged, to inspect the school-houses and their appurtenances; to put them in thorough repair, and to fit them to be, as far as possible, healthy, convenient, comfortable, and pleasant resorts for the children and teachers. On inspection, it was found that very much needed to be done to put the buildings in a proper condition. The buildings were repaired as soon as practicable, leaks were stopped, defects remedied, and everything was done that seemed requisite to preserve the buildings, and make them comfortable. The High School-house was in a bad and unsafe state, especially the out-buildings and cellar, and it was necessary to expend a larger amount of money on it than usual, in order to make it secure both as a school-house and town-house. All the school-rooms were cleaned thoroughly, all had their ceilings and walls whitewashed, except that in the Beechwoods, and the out-buildings and fences of all were repaired; some were enlarged, and all were put in good condition. In two of the houses, also, needed closets have been made, and deficiencies in furniture have been supplied to a certain extent. Especial pains have been taken to keep the buildings and everything belonging to them in good order; and it may be confidently asserted that during the year very little injury has been done to either the school-houses, or the furniture in them, or to the out-buildings belonging to them. Much of this expense for repairs will not be required next year, and it is believed that with suitable care the school-houses, and all

things pertaining to them, may be kept in good condition. All the school-rooms have been more carefully attended to, kept more neatly, and their floors have been free from a litter of paper and other things which have too often disfigured them in preceding years. The small appropriation made to the teachers to assist them in securing these ends has had a beneficial effect.

The advantages which were anticipated from the establishment of the new schools have been realized. The Committee entrusted by the town with the duty of building a new primary school-house at the Harbor, have furnished a room situated in a healthy, central, and pleasant position, well adapted to the purposes of a primary school. The lower part of the building, also, is suitable to accommodate a grammar school, should such a school be needed. This school was opened early in September, taking very nearly an equal number of pupils from the South and the Centre Primary schools. The number of scholars in each of these schools has been so equalized, that during the Winter term the Centre Primary school has contained 33, the Harbor school 30, and the South Primary 32 children. Indeed, there has been great equality in all the Primary schools, the North having contained 30, and the Beechwoods Primary school 30 scholars during the Winter term. These schools are all of such a size that they may be taught with ease and advantage, and the pupils in them should make more rapid progress and be taught more carefully and thoroughly than would be possible were the schools larger.

The new school in the North district, kept in a house built and owned by T. H. Perkins, Esq., came under the charge of the Superintendent, Oct. 5th. This school contains 14 pupils at present, and is affording valuable privileges of learning to children who live at a distance from

other schools. The pupils who constitute this school have been taken from the Jerusalem, North, and High schools, diminishing slightly the size of those schools. The school is under the charge of Miss Aroline Kimball, who had taught a private school in the same building for a number of years; and it has appeared to be in a very satisfactory condition when visited.

The Jerusalem school was commenced under the charge of Miss Sarah L. Pratt, who had taught the school for some years, but she having been invited to take charge of the North Grammar school, Miss Irene B. Lincoln was engaged to take her place. Miss Lincoln taught the school till the close of the Spring and Summer term, when she resigned her position as teacher. The school was unusually large when under her care. Miss Anna Fox was employed as teacher at the beginning of the Fall term, and has since continued to have charge of the school. The school has been small, numbering only 20 pupils during the Winter term. It has been in a good condition when visited, and has appeared to be well taught and governed.

In the new Primary school at the Harbor, Miss Charlotte M. Whittington has been employed as teacher. The school has always been in good order when visited, and the children have seemed to be interested, and to be making good progress in learning.

The North Grammar school was commenced under the charge of Miss Lizzie Cutting, but she, not feeling strong enough for the position, resigned her office after a week's trial. As soon as arrangements could be made, the school was put under the care of Miss Sarah L. Pratt, who had for some years taught the Jerusalem school. The order of the school during part of the year was not quite satisfactory, but it has continued to improve, and

during the Winter term it has been good when the school has been visited, and the children have appeared to be doing well in their studies. The number of scholars in the school during the Winter term has been 28.

All the other schools, with the exception of the High School, have been continued under the charge of the same teachers as last year, and all have been in a good condition, both with respect to order and instruction. The number of scholars for the Winter term has been, in the Centre Grammar school, 41, in the South Grammar school, 42, and in the Beechwoods Grammar school, 47.

The High School has been under the charge of Mr. W. H. Knight during the year. The school was not in a good state when Mr. Knight took charge of it, but he immediately succeeded in securing good order, which has continued through the year. He has also been a teacher of great energy, has obtained a large amount of study from his pupils, and assisted many of them to make good progress in learning. But his way of addressing and treating his pupils has not been as gentlemanly and considerate as it ought to have been to give them proper self-respect, and to develop the best elements of their natures.

Miss Lothrop has been continued as assistant teacher in the High School, has had a large class under her care, and has shown herself to be a very faithful and efficient teacher.

Last Fall she was invited to take the position of assistant teacher in the Hingham High School at a much larger salary than we have been accustomed to give. It was judged best by the Committee and Superintendent, to increase her salary in order to retain her valuable services.

It might seem on first thought unreasonable that the

assistant in the High School should have a salary very much larger than the other lady teachers, but when it is considered that a much higher education and greater mental maturity on the part of the teachers are needed in that school than in schools of lower grade, that it is very difficult to procure the services of a teacher suitably prepared to fill such a position, and that Miss Lothrop left one of our Grammar schools, where her services were very satisfactory, spent two years in study in the Salem Normal School, at considerable expense, and still continues to pursue her studies at much cost of time and money, it must seem both reasonable and just, that she should receive a much larger compensation for her services. The time must soon come, when a higher literary culture and scientific education, and a more thorough preparation for the work of teaching will be required in all our schools, to be accompanied also by a corresponding increase of salaries.

At the beginning of the Spring Term, Miss S. L. Burnham, of Braintree, was employed as second assistant in the High School, till the spring vacation. Miss Lizzie Cutting has been employed in that position during the Winter term, and has taught acceptably, chiefly those scholars who attend school only during the winter.

The changes in the organization and arrangement of the schools, recommended or suggested in the last year's Report, have been carried out as far as possible. No promotions from the lower to the higher schools were made at the beginning of the school year, as has been our custom, but all the schools were continued without change till the close of the Summer term. At the beginning of the Fall term, children were advanced from the Primary schools to the Grammar schools, and from the Grammar schools to the High school. A large class was

then admitted to the High School, who have been kept together in all their studies, except a few who have fallen behind on account of absence from school, and it has been possible to teach them much more thoroughly and systematically than ever before. This is the first step towards securing a comprehensive and systematic course of study in the High School. There may be certain optional studies which children of the greatest ability for learning may be permitted to take up with the consent of their parents, but the common, solid and necessary branches, which belong to a good common school education, should be taught in their due order to all. If the changes, partly already inaugurated, and partly to be recommended, are fully carried out, scholars will enter this school much better prepared than in the past, and will be immediately in a condition to take a higher stand and pursue more advanced studies.

The changes which have been made in the Grammar schools, have brought them into a more perfect system than ever before. In each of the three Central Grammar schools, the scholars are divided into three classes, and the plan is, that after the organization has become perfected, a new class shall enter these schools every year, and a class leave the schools for the High School. It has been the endeavor of the Superintendent to have the corresponding classes in each of these schools, pursue the same studies, make as nearly as practicable the same progress, and attain to an equal degree of preparation when they enter the High School.

It may be necessary sometimes, for scholars to be dropped from higher to lower classes, especially those who are irregular in their attendance, or who are absent from school for a long time, for any cause, so that they will be obliged to remain in the Grammar schools four

years, but there should be no intermediate classes, — no stragglers permitted.

The Primary Schools, since the formation of the Harbor school, are now comparatively small, and the teachers of them have a better opportunity for improving the schools, than they ever had before. If the children can be kept in these schools till they are older and more advanced than they have been, when they have entered the Grammar schools, it will improve both grades of schools, and make them more useful and more interesting.

In view of these considerations, it is therefore recommended, that no classes be removed from any lower school to a school of higher grade, till the beginning of the Fall term of the year 1875, i. e., a year from next Fall.

It would also be a great convenience and improvement in our school arrangements, to have our school year commence after the long Summer vacation, at the beginning of the Fall term.

It is now becoming more and more the custom, for teachers to make new engagements, for towns and cities to procure new teachers, and for young men and women to graduate from our institutions of learning in the Summer. Then, during the long vacation, there will be a better opportunity for schools to find teachers and for teachers to find schools. It will be a better time, also, for transferring children from one school to another, when they can begin, together, studies which are to be interrupted only by short vacations during the year.

This arrangement need not interfere with the financial arrangement of the school affairs. The accounts can be closed up to the annual town meeting, as at present, and the appropriations for the year can be made at that time. As the School Report is made in reference to the condition

of the schools for the whole year, it could always be printed before the town meeting, for the guidance of the action of the town, while the final examination of the schools would better be deferred to the close of the school year, before the long vacation.

The Superintendent would also advise that the school year be divided into three terms; — the first of twelve weeks, from the commencement of the Fall term to the Thanksgiving vacation, followed by a vacation of two weeks; — the second term should consist of sixteen weeks, ending the latter part of March, followed by a vacation of two weeks; — and the third to continue twelve weeks, to be followed by the long Summer vacation of eight weeks. One great advantage of this arrangement, would be to afford a long, uninterrupted term, to those boys who can attend school only a part of the year.

It is unnecessary that there should be any particular account or criticism of the studies and progress of the schools during the year. There has been no especial change in the studies and exercises of the schools. There has been a great deal of quiet and faithful work done with the usual good results.

An account of the financial condition of the schools and of the expenses of each school, may be found in the Report of the Treasurer of the School Committee. To meet the requirements of the schools, according to the estimates there given for the coming school year, it will be necessary for the town to raise forty-nine hundred dollars by taxation.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,

Superintendent of Schools in Cohasset.

LEVI N. BATES,
REV. M. A. STEVENS,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Esq.,
} *School Committee.*

In School Committee, Feb. 14, 1874.

The Superintendent submitted his Annual Report, which was unanimously accepted.

It was voted that the Committee adopt the Report now submitted by the Superintendent of the Public Schools, and present it to their fellow citizens as the Report of the School Committee for the year 1874.

M. A. STEVENS, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Cohasset,

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1875,

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS,

ALSO THE

DOINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

AND

Report of the Votes Cast at the State Election in November, 1874.

BOSTON:
W. F. BROWN & CO., PRINTERS.
1875.

ABRIDGED REPORT

OF THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

HELD MARCH 2, 1874.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, held in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the second day of March, 1874, in pursuance of a Warrant in due form of law for calling the same, the twenty Articles of said Warrant were severally acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted that the Reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and School Committee be accepted.

ARTICLE 3. Town Officers chosen as follows:

For Town Clerk.

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of the Highways.

LOUIS N. LINCOLN, ADNA BATES,
PHILANDER BATES.

For Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, JR.

For School Committee.

Rev. M. A. STEVENS, for three years.
J. Q. A. LOTHROP, for two years.

For Constables and Truant Officers.

LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
ANDREW W. WILLIAMS,
ZACCHEUS RICH,
EZRA BROWN,
IRA B. PRATT,
ALFRED BEAL,
JOSEPH BATTLES,
DAVID S. G. DOANE.

For Fire Wards.

ZACCHEUS RICH, J. FOSTER DOANE,
PHILIP FOX, ALSON S. RICHARDSON,
ISAAC W. BEAL.

For Fence Viewers.

LOUIS N. LINCOLN, ADNA BATES, J. FOSTER DOANE.

For Field Drivers.

ISAAC W. BEAL, EZRA BROWN,
JOSEPH BATTLES, EDWARD E. ELLMS,
OTIS V. BARNES, ISAAC H. LAMBERT,
WALDO C. LOCKE, TIMOTHY W. BROWN.

For Surveyors of Lumber.

NEWCOMB B. TOWER, PHILIP FOX.

For Measurers of Wood and Bark.

MORGAN B. STETSON, WELCOME BEAL, EZRA BROWN.
EDWARD E. ELLMS.

For Culler of Hoops and Staves.

THOMAS J. BROWN.

For Pound Keeper.

JAMES W. NICHOLS.

ARTICLE 4. Amount of money raised and appropriated as follows:—

For payment of debt,	$1,500 00
" Interest,	1,500 00
Discount on taxes,	1,400 00
Support of the poor,	2,000 00
Roads and Bridges,	600 00
Removing snow,	500 00
Repairs on School-houses,	400 00
Support of Schools,	5,300 00
Repairs of the Highways,	2,500 00
Town Officers,	1,000 00
Printing and Fire Department,	500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	200 00
Other works commenced but not finished,	600 00
Total amount raised under the 4th Article,	$18,000 00

ARTICLE 5. Voted, that the Town collect their taxes in the same manner as last year, and that the same discounts be allowed.

ARTICLE 6. Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled soldiers and sailors, and families of the slain.

ARTICLE 7. Selectmen's Report on Guide Boards accepted.

ARTICLE 8. The list of Jurors, after being amended by the town, as follows:

b J. MILNER ALLEN,
f LORING BATES,
DANIEL J. BATES,
DAVID BEAL,
h GEORGE BATES,
GEORGE BEAL,
WASHINGTON BROWN,
d ALLEN C. BATES,
d JOSEPH J. BATES,
d ZACCHEUS L. BEAL,
LOUIS F. CUSHING,
g PHILIP FOX,
HENRY K. HALL,
ALFRED WHITTINGTON,
a ZENAS D. LINCOLN,
J. LORING LITCHFIELD,
d C. JAMES PRATT,
a DANIEL W. PRATT,
e JOB PRATT,
WILLIAM L. PRATT,
i ZACCHEUS RICH,
c A. S. RICHARDSON,
HENRY SNOW,
MOSES SARGENT,
h MORGAN B. STETSON,
j THOMAS M. SMITH,
d THOMAS WILLCUTT.

ARTICLE 9. Voted that the Financial Report be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

ARTICLE 10. Passed over.

ARTICLE 11. Passed over.

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a Drawn March 27, 1874, for Superior Court, Dedham.
b " April 17, " " " " "
c " May 19, " for E. Norfolk District Court, Quincy.
d " Aug. 24, " for U. S. Court, Boston.
e " Aug. 31, " for Superior Court, Dedham.
f " Sept. 14, " " " " "
g " Nov. 30, " " " " "
h " Dec. 2, " " " " "
i " Dec. 16, " " " " "
j " Feb. 5, 1875, " " " "

ARTICLE 12. Voted, to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for special repairs on Jerusalem Road.

ARTICLE 13. Voted, that the sum of four hundred dollars ($400.00) be raised and appropriated for widening and straightening Border Street, at a point on the easterly side of Gulf Bridge, and near the same.

ARTICLE 14. Voted, that the sum of two hundred dollars ($200.00) be raised and appropriated for widening and straightening that part of Summer Street south of the dwelling-house of Mrs. S. J. Lawrence. Also voted that the Selectmen lay out the work and let the same be done by contract by the lowest responsible bidder for the same at an auction for the purpose duly advertised.

ARTICLE 15. Voted that the sum of twelve hundred dollars (1,200.00) be raised and appropriated for building a School-house on King Street, the same to be built under the direction of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 16. Voted, that the Treasurer of the School Committee be paid a salary of twenty-five dollars a year for his services as such.

ARTICLE 17. Passed over.

ARTICLE 18. Voted, that the sum of three hundred dollars (300.00) be raised and appropriated for widening the road in "Great Swamp," on North Main Street.

ARTICLE 19. Passed over.

ARTICLE 20. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase the "Old Cooper's Shop," on Summer Street, at a reasonable price, and cause the same to be removed and destroyed.

Voted, that the thanks of the Town be extended to J. Q. A. Lothrop, for the efficient and acceptable manner in which he has presided over this meeting.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

RECORD OF NOVEMBER MEETING.

Election of State, District, and County Officers.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in elections, held at the Town Hall, Cohasset, on Tuesday the third day of November, 1874, in pursuance of a Warrant issued in due form of law for holding the same, votes were cast for the various candidates for State, District, and County Officers as follows:

For Governor of the Commonwealth.

Thomas Talbot, of Billerica,	131
William Gaston, of Boston,	57
Israel W. Andrews, of Danvers,	2
	190

For Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth.

Horatio G. Knight, of Easthampton,	133
William L. Smith, of Springfield,	56
Caleb Hammond, of New Bedford,	2
	191

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Charles Adams, of North Brookfield,	133
Nathan Clark, of Lynn,	56
George Clark, Jr., of Boston,	2
	191

For Auditor of the Commonwealth.

Charles Endicott, of Canton,	133
C. Osgood Morse, of Newburyport,	56
Charles J. Goodwin, of Haverhill,	2
	191

For Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

Charles R. Train, of Boston,	133
Waldo Colburn, of Dedham,	56
Charles H. Chellis, of Chelsea,	2
	191

For Representatives to Congress, 2d District.

Benjamin W. Harris, of Bridgewater,	133
Edward Avery, of Braintree,	58
	191

For Sheriff for Norfolk County.

John W. Thomas, of Dedham,	133
James G. Scott, of Walpole,	58
	191

For County Commissioners.

James Humphrey, of Weymouth,	133
James A. Tower, of Randolph,	56
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For Special Commissioners.

J. Q. A. Field, of Quincy,	133
George P. Morey, of Walpole,	133
Bushrod Morse, of Sharon,	56
James D. McAvoy, of Hyde Park,	56
	378

For District Attorney, South East District.

Asa French, of Braintree,	133
James E. Cotter, of Hyde Park,	56
	189

For Commissioners of Insolvency.

Frederick D. Ely, of Dedham,	133
William E. Jewell, of Randolph,	133
Charles H. Deans, of Medway,	133
John A. Bullard, of Dedham,	56
George P. Parrott, of Hyde Park,	56
William S. Pattee, of Quincy,	56
	567

For Councillor, 2d District.

Seth Turner, of Randolph,	135
Peter Butler, of Quincy,	56
	191

For Senator, Norfolk and Plymouth District.

E. A. Hunt, of Weymouth,	134
N. H. Hunt, of Braintree,	55
David S. Murray, of Weymouth,	2
	191

For Representative, 1st Plymouth District.

George Beal, of Cohasset,	130
Thomas M. Smith, of Cohasset,	57
Daniel L. Wood, of Scituate,	5

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

The votes of the two towns of Scituate and Cohasset for Representative, Nov. 3, 1874, were as follows:

	Scituate.	Cohasset.	Total.
George Beal, of Cohasset,	168	130	298
Thomas M. Smith, of Cohasset,	85	57	142
Daniel L. Wood, of Cohasset,	18	5	23

George Beal, of Cohasset, having a plurality of votes, was elected.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

Report of the Selectmen.

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

High School-Room.

Paid E. E. Ellms, for curtains and duster,	$21 50	
" " books, ink, and crayons,	23 86	
W. H. Knights, for stationery,	4 75	
Joseph B. Barker, setting glass, etc.,	8 00	
Catherine McGillis, cleaning,	11 90	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc.,	18 88	
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock,	12 51	
E. N. Barker, setting glass,	75	
		$102 15

North School.

Paid Catherine McGillis, for cleaning,	$8 50	
J. L. Hammett, fixtures,	24 95	
Samuel Bates, stove and repairs,	38 01	
E. N. Baker, labor and stock,	15 10	
E. E. Ellms, books, ink and crayons,	15 40	
Thomas Willcut, labor and stock,	13 90	
		$115 86

Centre School.

Paid J. L. Hammett, for blackboard,	$12 60	
" " furniture,	18 00	
Mrs. Mulcahy, cleaning,	6 00	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc.,	16 64	
S. D. Tower, cushion,	1 50	
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock,	4 50	
E. E. Ellms, books, ink, and crayons,	7 75	
S. S. Railroad, freight,	30	
		$67 29

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Mrs. J. Frates, for cleaning,	$6 00	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc.,	12 68	
S. D. Tower, setting glass,	2 70	
E. E. Ellms, books, ink, and crayons,	11 18	
W. A. W. Tilden, building fence,	8 38	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber,	6 92	
		$47 86

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL.

Paid J. L. Hammett, for fixtures,	$3 28	
S. D. Tower, labor and stock,	17 00	
E. E. Ellms, books, ink, and crayons,	14 05	
Charles H. Wood, use of well,	1 00	
John G. Hayden, whitewashing,	5 00	
Lot W. Bates, cleaning,	9 50	
A. W. Hayden, masoning,	14 00	
Ezra Brown, broom and matches,	95	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, etc.,	2 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber,	60	
		$67 38

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

Paid J. L. Hammett, for fixtures,	$3 50	
E. E. Ellms, books, ink, and crayons,	7 55	
E. N. Barker, labor and stock,	21 93	
Mary L. Beal, cleaning,	3 00	
H. O. Beal, building steps,	9 62	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, &c.,	4 00	
		$49 60

PERKINS SCHOOL.

Paid E. E. Ellms, for books, ink, and crayons,	$6 95	$6 95

HARBOR SCHOOL.

Paid Joseph Grassie, for labor,	$2 00	
J. L. Hammett, blackboard,	21 00	
" " furniture,	29 50	
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, &c.,	4 12	
Mrs. Gardner, cleaning,	1 36	
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock,	75	
E. E. Ellms, books, ink, and crayons,	6 85	
A. T. Prouty, broom and crayons,	62	

Paid A. Whittington, repairing clock,	$1 45	
Z. Rich, labor,	1 50	
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., hardware,	45	
		$69 60

KING STREET SCHOOL.

Paid J. L. Hammett, for furniture,	$127 23	
Galen James, building and land,	875 00	
" " repairs,	13 25	
J. L. Hammett, blackboard,	14 40	
S. S. Railroad, freight,	1 75	
E. E. Ellms, books, ink, and crayons,	16 98	
Samuel Marshall, labor,	9 78	
Samuel Bates, stove, pump, &c.,	50 80	
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber,	3 95	
Martin N. Bates, labor and stock,	5 58	
		$1,118 72

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Lot Bates,	$4 00	
Wm. O. Souther,	1 50	
Stephen P. Barnes,	8 50	
Galen James,	1 66	
Henry Nichols,	2 00	
Martin Beal,	8 75	
Isaac W. Beal,	3 25	
Samuel G. James,	2 33	
Caleb J. Nichols,	42	
John McCormick,	1 33	
Samuel N. Lincoln,	9 00	
Levi L. Warrick, Jr.,	9 33	
Moses Sargent, and others,	36 18	
T. M. Smith, " "	101 50	
Aaron Bratt, " "	32 15	
L. N. Lincoln, " "	11 75	
Adna Bates " "	30 00	
Saml. E. Pratt, " "	29 55	
Alms-house men and teams,	31 50	
	$324 70	
Deduct Alms-house labor, men and teams,	31 50	
		$293 20

REMOVING LEDGE AT SNOW PLACE.

Paid Joseph Jacinto, labor,	$18 00	
Isaac H. Tower, "	18 00	
Michael O'Connell, "	6 00	
John Howard, "	25 00	
Charles A. Gross, powder and fuse,	5 74	
Charles F. Tilden, sharpening drills,	6 70	
W. A. W. Tilden, building fence,	7 15	
		$86 59

WIDENING SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Paid John Howard, labor,	$36 25	
John R. Coolbrith, labor,	14 00	
B. F. Morse, "	2 00	
Edward Kinsley, "	12 00	
Caleb Lincoln, teaming,	22 50	
M. B. Stetson, "	2 00	
		$88 75

WIDENING SUMMER STREET.

Paid John Howard, as per contract, . . . $100 00

WIDENING BORDER STREET.

Paid John Howard, and others, as per contract, . $400 00

WIDENING AT GREAT SWAMP.

Paid Adna Bates, labor,	$45 00	
Philip Fox, "	30 00	
Harrison Henry, "	41 00	
Thomas Bates, "	54 00	
John Shehan, "	18 00	
James O'Brien, "	26 00	
M. Sweeney, 2d, "	21 00	
Daniel Sullivan, "	25 00	
Mathew Mulvey, "	28 00	
		$288 00

REPAIRING SIDEWALK, NORTH MAIN STREET.

Paid Michael O'Connell, labor,	$8 00	
John Cronican, "	10 00	
Samuel N. Lincoln, "	10 00	
T. M. Smith, team,	10 00	
Alms-house, men and teams,	50 00	
	$88 00	
Deduct Alms-house labor, men and teams,	50 00	
		$38 00

SPECIAL REPAIRS, JERUSALEM ROAD.

Paid Warren Nichols, labor,	$40 00	
Michael O'Connell, "	19 50	
John Cronican, "	196 50	
Charles E. Tyrer, "	181 50	
Moses Sargent, "	17 00	
S. G. James, "	40 50	
L. L. Worrick, Jr., "	184 50	
Sam'l N. Lincoln, "	206 50	
John Howard, "	10 00	
Aaron Nichols, "	3 00	
Thomas Bassett, "	25 00	
M. B. Stetson, "	8 00	
Wm. O. Souther, "	16 00	
Henry D. Hyde, "	22 50	
Samuel Bates, tools,	25 25	
S. W. Luce, removing ledge,	50 00	
L. N. Lincoln, services,	15 00	
Adna Bates, "	25 00	
Philander Bates, "	3 00	
Alms-house men and teams,	1210 00	
	2,298 75	
Deduct Alms-house labor, men and teams,	1,210 00	
		$1,088 75

REPAIRS UPON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Philip Fox,	$53 50	Paid Orlando Curtis,	4 00
Adna Bates,	120 50	Howard Pratt,	10 00
Thomas Bates,	115 50	Silas Bates,	7 00
Wm. H. Bates,	34 00	Horace J. Damon,	14 00
John Shehan,	36 13	Lewis Bates,	8 00
James O'Brien,	46 00	T. W. Brown,	4 00
M. Sweeney, 2d,	37 03	Edward Kinsley,	107 55
Mathew Mulvey,	77 00	B. H. Crane,	3 50
Harrison Henry,	72 75	B. F. Morse,	48 00
M. O. Connell,	130 00	John Howard,	77 50
John Cronican,	77 00	John R. Coolbrith,	16 00
Isaac W. Beal,	5 00	John J. Silvia,	14 00
David P. Beal,	2 00	Horace Hancock,	8 00
Michael Sweeney,	2 00	M. B. Stetson,	15 00
Moses Sargent,	12 00	Waldo C. Locke,	12 00
Aaron Pratt,	69 00	Martin Lincoln,	12 00
George W. Pratt,	25 50	David Beal,	1 25
Hyram C. Litchfield,	35 50	Charles E. Tyrer,	11 00
John Kinsley,	3 00	Peter C. Kimball,	25 00
Ezekiel Williams,	1 12	Samuel N. Lincoln,	110 00
Harrison D. Bates,	2 77	George W. Cousens,	36 00
Daniel F. Bates,	5 50	James Apt,	2 00
George Pratt,	13 00	Joseph Smith,	13 00
Frank Frates,	8 00	Levi L. Warrick, Jr.,	31 00
Edwin Bates,	5 00	Patrick Cronican,	15 00
Thomas Lincoln, Jr.,	5 00	Zacheus Rich,	4 00
Benjamin Pratt,	8 00	Caleb Lincoln,	20 00
D. W. Whitcomb,	8 00	W. W. Studley,	3 00
Thos. C. Whitcomb,	4 00	T. M. Smith,	259 25
John H. Morgan,	12 00	Alms-house	433 00
Daniel B. Frances,	11 00	George Barnes,	2 00
Lot Bates,	10 00	Frank Palmer,	1 75
Ezekiel Bates,	4 00	L. N. Lincoln,	75 00
Warren Bates,	7 00	Philander Bates,	15 00

	$2,475 57
Deduct for Alms-house, labor, men and teams,	433 00
	$2,042 57

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid William St. John, gravel, ...	$140 00
Benj. Pratt, "	5 00
Lewis Bates, "	3 00

Paid Isaiah Lincoln, gravel,	$10 00
Edward Kinsley, "	9 45
Ezekiel Bates, "	19 64
Waldo C. Locke, "	9 75
Thos. Smith, "	10 92
Patrick Downes, "	5 76
Thomas Bates, "	20 60
C. F. Nickols, "	36 00
A. H. Tower, " and scow,	99 37
Frank Peirson, building wall Atlantic Avenue,	26 00
Joseph F. Eunice, " " " "	37 50
W. A. W. Tilden, railing, Border Street.	42 00
" " " South Main Street,	9 00
" " " Jerusalem Road,	34 50
" " " Beach Street,	9 00
" " " Atlantic Avenue,	37 50
Joseph Smith, teaming Atlantic Avenue,	3 00
Samuel N. Lincoln, building culverts, Atlantic Av.	10 00
Frank Peirson, posts, South Main Street,	6 00
C. F. Tilden, Iron work for railway, South Main St.	9 60
" " " " " Atlantic Av.	68 66
" " " " " Border Street,	22 62
Adna Bates,	25 00
Philander Bates,	10 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber Jerusalem Road,	53 02
" " " " Beach Street,	11 65
" " " " Atlantic Av.,	22 88
" " " " Border Street,	37 48
" " " " South Main St.,	9 04
	$853 94

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid John Cronican, labor, Strait's Pond,	$39 00
John Howard, " " "	39 00
James Stoddard, " " "	56 00
Henry K. Hall, labor and stock, Strait's Pond,	64 48
Chas. E. Tyrer, " " " " "	33 00
Joseph Grassie, " " " " "	33 00
Chas. F. Tilden, iron work, " "	11 95
L. N. Lincoln, labor, " "	32 00

Paid Philander Bates,	$3 00
Thos. M. Smith, teaming, &c.,	48 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber,	96 81
David B. Lincoln, burying dogs,	2 00
Alms-house men,	66 00
	$524 24
Deducted Alms-house labor, men and teams,	66 00
	$458 24

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid W. W. Studley, steward,	$30 00
E. E. Ellms, couplings, spaners and oil,	30 56
E. N. Barker, setting glass,	2 20
Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, &c.,	11 41
27 Firemen,	54 00
Chas. F. Tilden, iron for flag staff,	8 00
Thos. Beal, straps for engine,	3 35
Samuel D. Tower, painting and guilding,	3 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber and hardware,	8 06
	$150 58

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Samuel Bates, for repairing stoves, &c.,	$13 58
M. B. Stetson & Co., steps,	3 00
Martin N. Bates, repairs,	3 80
John B. Souther, settees and chairs,	91 00
S. S. Railroad, freight,	6 00
T. M. Smith, teaming,	1 50
	$118 88

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

Paid Orders to School Committee,	$5,300 00
	$5,300 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid L. N. Lincoln, assessor,	$125 00
" " selectman,	50 00
Adna Bates, assessor,	125 00
" " selectman,	50 00
Philander Bates, assessor,	100 00
" " selectman,	50 00
Joseph Osgood, superintendent schools,	200 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., treasurer,	200 00
N. B. Tower, town clerk,	40 00
	$940 00

PRINTING.

Paid W. F. Brown & Co., Town and School Reports,	$170 17
John M. Whittemore, school orders,	2 50
N. B. Tower, tax bills, warrants, &c.,	57 50
	$230 17

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid E. E. Ellms,	$140 03

STATE AID.

Amount paid to Soldiers and Families, from February 1, 1874, to February 1, 1875,	$592 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Tax,	$2,600 00	
County Tax,	2,364 12	
		$4,964 12

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Henry Litchfield,	1871,	$2 00	George W. Morton,	1873,	$2 00
" "	1872,	2 00	Wm. T. Stewart,	"	2 00
A. R. Treat,	"	2 00	H. Lee & L. Shaw,	1874,	35 99
Thomas Mulvey,	"	2 75	Elizabeth Cushing,	"	6 00
J. Milnor Allen,	1873,	32 48	Levi Lincoln,	"	12 00
Lewis Bates,	"	19 81	Joshua Jenkins,	"	140 85
Arther E. Beal,	"	2 00	John E. Francis,	"	2 00
Elias W. Bourne,	"	2 00	Robert H. Reed,	"	2 00
Charles F. Bates,	"	2 00	Joseph Briggs,	"	2 00
Henry Carter,	"	2 00	W. H. H. Hancock,	"	2 00
Maurice S. Enos,	"	2 30	E. N. Barker,	"	2 00
Sarah Everett,	"	4 03	James Phinney,	"	2 00
James Hall,	"	48 00	Stephen D. Farrar,	"	6 00
Samuel L. Jenkins,	"	20 30	Est. Thos. Hudson,	"	4 80
William Fitz,	"	2 00	Hannah K. Lawrence,	"	4 68
James T. Smith,	"	2 00	Lewis Bates,	"	2 00
Alonzo Spring,	"	2 00	Bela Joy,	"	6 00
Harrison P. Snow,	"	2 00	C. H. Howe,	"	1 20
A. R Treat,	"	2 00	Loring Bates,	"	30 00
Frank Vardis,	"	2 00	Mary E. Pratt,	"	2 50
Andrew N. Bates,	"	2 00	Burleigh S. Thompson,	"	11 80
Henry Litchfield,	"	2 58	William Mayo,	"	2 00
William Mayo,	"	2 00			
					$444 07

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Tower & Doane, distributing Town Reports,	$5 00
A. W. Williams, services as Constable and Truant Officer,	25 00
A. W. Williams, notifying Town Officers,	4 00
Galen James, transporting tramp,	2 50
C. N. Barker, repairing flag,	1 00
Samuel Bates, repairing town pump,	1 37
Heirs of J. O. Lawrence, cooper's shop,	350 00
C. A. Gross, stationery and postage,	13 04
Allen C. Bates, weights and measures,	50 00
E. E. Ellms, printing blanks for schools,	6 00
C. F. Tilden, making and repairing snow-ploughs,	50 00
S. D. Tower, repairing and varnishing hearse,	17 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses in lawsuits,	50 00

Paid Ezra Towle, return of Deaths,	$7 00
N. B. Tower, registering Births, Deaths & Marriages,	41 95
Estate of Caleb Beal, Jr., services as Constable and Truant Officer, 1873,	10 00
Alfred Beal, services as Constable & Truant Officer,	15 00
Zaccheus Rich, " " " "	15 00
John Bates, wharfage, 1873, 1874,	6 00
" " ropes and chains for Mill Bridge, 1873,	4 00
T. M. Smith, horse hire, Superintendent of Schools,	47 50
" " " Overseers of Poor,	10 00
" " " Assessors,	8 00
" " " Selectmen,	11 00
" " " County Commissioners,	2 50
L. N. Lincoln, posting Town Warrants, &c.,	6 00
" " opening hall and attending meetings,	6 00
" " services as Constable & Truant Officer,	25 00
" " copying Valuation for State,	33 00
" " services and expenses State Aid,	30 00
" " " " Corporation tax, &c.,	50 00
" " commissions of taxes,	8 31
Adna Bates, copying Valuation for State,	33 00
" " services on State Aid,	6 00
Philander Bates, repairing town pump,	1 50
H. W. Beal, expressing,	16 70
Newcomb Bates, care of clock and ringing bell,	30 00
	$998 37

RECAPITULATION.

Expenditures on School-houses,	$1,645 41
Removing Snow,	293 20
Removing Ledge, Snow Place,	86 59
Widening South Main Street,	88 75
" Summer "	100 00
" Border "	400 00
" Great Swamp,	288 00
Repairing Sidewalk, North Main Street,	38 00
Special Repairs, Jerusalem Road,	1,088 75
Repairs on Highways,	2,042 57
Roads and Bridges,	853 94

Board of Health,	$458 24
Fire Department,	150 58
Town House,	118 88
Town Officers,	940 00
School Appropriation,	5,300 00
Printing,	230 17
School Books,	140 03
State Aid,	592 00
State and County Tax,	4,964 12
Abatement of Taxes,	444 07
Miscellaneous,	998 37
Orders to Overseers of Poor,	4,569 34
	$25,831 01

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

February 1, 1875.

FUNDED DEBT AS FOLLOWS, VIZ.:—

Cohasset Savings Bank, six Notes due April 1, 1875, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80,		$6,000 00
Estate of Newcomb Bates, due April 1, 1875,		500 00
		$6,500 00

DEMAND NOTES, VIZ:—

Cohasset Savings Bank, two Notes,	$5,500 00	
Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., two Notes,	1,600 00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., Feb. 7, 1873,	1,000 00	
Morgan B. Stetson, May 26, 1873,	250 00	
Mrs. Martha T. Bates, April 23, 1874,	1,700 00	
		$10,050 00
Total interest paying debt,		$16,550 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from the State for State Aid, . .	$645 50	
" Town of Hull, for schooling, .	150 00	
" " repairs at Strait's Pond,	261 12	
" Jno. J. Lothrop, support of son, .	431 25	
" James Dady, support of wife, .	200 75	
" Lot Willcutt, old account, . .	49 21	
Balance in Treasury, ...	1,313 33	
		$3,051 16
Actual debt, ...		$13,498 84

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
ADNA BATES,
PHILANDER BATES,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1ST, 1875.

Stock on hand, February 1st, 1874,	$2,552 61
Paid F. J. Damon, blacksmithing,	74 03
Otis V. Barnes, cutting wood,	6 25
C. F. Nichols, groceries,	11 90
Nancy Nichols, labor,	104 00
A. A. Blaney, salary,	475 00
Thomas Williams, labor,	261 00
Henry Collier, freight,	50
Ripley & Newhall, coffin and robe,	20 00
Geo. Ainsley, labor by son,	22 20
Ezra Brown, grain and groceries,	172 74
Joseph Smith, grain,	199 99
Ezra Towle, coffin, robe & undertaking, Wm. Mimso,	29 00
Samuel Bates, pump and stove bill,	51 57
Willard O. Fish, labor,	84 25
C. A. Gross, grain and groceries,	139 15
S. G. James, use of stock,	2 00
R. T. Burbank, repairing sled and making cider,	5 50
M. B. Stetson & Co., grain and groceries,	86 81
Aaron Nichols, ox team,	12 00
E. E. Ellms, tools,	9 30
Charles H. Wood, papering,	2 50
C. F. Tilden, repairing carts, &c.,	14 75
A. & F. Beal, groceries,	30 58
L. L. Wheelwright, fish and clams,	2 04
A. W. Hayden, masonry,	13 50
Bourne & Nickerson, meat, &c.	177 45
D. S. G. Doane, sea manure,	5 00
C. Smith & Co., groceries,	62
James H. Nichols, groceries,	136 40
John Bates, casks, &c.,	4 08
D. W. Taylor, fish, &c.,	18 09
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	20 00
David Hersey, repairing harness,	2 50
Stillman Litchfield, washing machine,	6 00
Brown & Co., medicine,	6 40
Thomas Lincoln, cabbages,	1 30
C. H. Cook, transporting J. Wheelwright,	2 00

Paid E. James, labor,	$2 00
Massachusetts Ploughman,	2 50
Mrs. Burbank, sewing,	2 25
A. A. Blaney, sundry bills,	4 63
T. M. Smith, bedstead,	3 00
" " 2 hogs,	25 00
Philander Bates, boots and shoes,	11 25
B. H. Atwood, fish, &c.,	14 58
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, etc.,	66 16
L. N. Lincoln, services,	35 00
Adna Bates, "	35 00
Philander Bates,	25 00
	$4,989 38

Stock at Almshouse, February 1, 1875.

3 Horses,	$500 00	Farming Tools,	$45 00
2 Cows,	150 00	Casks and Barrels,	18 00
30 Hens,	22 50	7 Tons English Hay,	154 00
9 Turkeys,	18 00	1 " Salt "	10 00
3 Hogs,	70 00	Lot Manure,	84 00
1 Express Wagon,	100 00	5 Cords Hard Wood,	37 50
2 Farm "	100 00	3 " Pine "	15 00
1 Hay "	20 00	4 " Trash "	12 00
1 Open "	15 00	Stoves and Fixtures,	100 00
2 Horse Carts,	120 00	Household Furniture,	365 00
1 Horse Sled,	15 00	Wooden Ware, &c.,	30 00
1 Harrow,	6 00	Cutlery and Spoons,	10 50
3 Ploughs,	15 00	Queen and Glassware,	22 00
1 Stone Drag,	2 00	Tin, Earthen & Stone Ware,	50 00
2 Wagon Harnesses,	40 00	1 Barrel Flour,	8 00
2 Cart "	40 00	42 Gallons Vinegar,	10 50
1 Lead "	12 00	2 Barrels Cider,	10 00
2 Carriage Robes,	10 00	4½ " Apples,	9 00
Chains,	10 00	28 Bushels Potatoes,	28 00
Drills, Hammers, &c.,	35 00	Other Vegetables,	8 00
Carpenter's Tools,	4 25	Groceries,	40 00
Saws, Axes and Hatchets,	10 00	Grain and Bags,	7 00
Paint Brushes, Lead and Oil,	6 00	35 Pounds Lard,	5 25
200 lbs. Salt Pork,	28 00	45 " Butter,	20 25
80 " Hams and Shoulders,	9 60	35 " Beef,	4 55
Grindstone,	2 00		
			$2,463 90

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT, SALES AND LABOR.

Cr.

By H. Litchfield, for milk,		$81 65
Bourne & Nickerson, calves and turkeys,		39 91
Daniel B. Lincoln, potatoes,		1 20
Thomas Bassett, "		5 75
Philip Fox, potatoes and pork,		5 65
Thos. Williams, " "		5 94
C. A. Gross, eggs,		2 00
James H. Nichols, eggs,		1 25
Town of Hull, board of paupers,		208 00
Labor on Streets, by men and teams,		1,790 50
		$2,141 85
Amount of sales and labor,	$2,141 85	
" " stock on hand,	2,463 90	
	$4,605 75	
Debit brought forward,		$4,989 38
Credit " "		4,605 75
Almshouse debtor to balance,		383 63
Expenses of inmates at Almshouse, 222 weeks, at 1.72\frac{179}{222}$ per week, amounts to		$383 63

SUPPORT OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1ST, 1875.

Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for David Willcut,		$201 70
" " Josephine E. Bates,		188 59
" " John J. Lothrop,		201 85
" " C. J. Dady,		200 75
" " Wm. Kilburn,		197 30
" " Wm. Taylor,		207 65
		$1,197 84

ASSISTANCE TO DAVID VINAL.

Paid E. E. Ellms, groceries,	$153 00	
Galen James, wood,	6 00	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	10 00	
		$169 00

ASSISTANCE TO SARAH EVERETT.

Paid Ezra Brown, groceries,	$50 33	
Warren Bates, wood,	4 00	
		$54 33

ASSISTANCE TO J. P. WHEELWRIGHT.

Paid Lot Bates, wood, 1873,	$33 25	
" "	49 13	
Daniel J. Bates, groceries,	114 00	
M. B. Stetson & Co., clothing,	2 41	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	5 00	
		$203 79

ASSISTANCE TO EDWARD ARNOLD.

Paid Ezra Brown, groceries,	$73 36	
G. P. Pratt, medical attendance,	15 00	
		$88 36

ASSISTANCE TO CAROLINE LITCHFIELD.

Paid Ezra Brown, groceries,	$11 24	
Lot Bates, wood,	1 50	
		$12 74

Paid City of Boston, assistance to Sarah B. Joy,	$44 94
" " " Eunice Sterling,	69 07
" " " E. J. Nichols,	33 31
" " " John C. Orcutt,	6 12
Town of Medford, assistance to George Powers,	82 75
G. P. Pratt, " Manuel Joseph,	20 00
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., assistance to Wm. Hayden,	5 50
A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., assistance to Mrs. King,	5 53
" " " Mrs. Silvia,	4 00
" " " Mrs. Goombs,	5 25
C. F. Nichols, assistance to Isaac H. Tower,	23 16
Galen James, " H. Williston, 1873,	6 84
L. N. Lincoln, services and expenses,	65 00
Adna Bates, " "	35 00
	$406 47

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By amount due from John J. Lothrop, . . .	$201 85
" " C. J. Dady, ...	200 75
	$402 60
Outside expenses brought forward, ...	$2,132 53
" credit " . . .	402 60
	$1,729 93

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
ADNA BATES,
PHILANDER BATES,
Overseers of Poor of Cohasset.

TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Dr.

High School.

1874–5.

Paid Principal	$1,400 00	
1st Assistant, ...	600 00	
2d "	30 00	
E. P. Collier, care of fires and rooms,	8 80	
Geo. Collier, " " " .	6 60	
H. Collier, " " "	28 60	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . .	107 88	
M. B. Stetson, wood, ...	10 50	
		$2,192 38

Jerusalem School.

Paid Teacher, ...	$324 00	
David Beal, wood, and labor on wood,	63 88	
Arthur Lawrence, care of room, . .	5 00	
B. Atwood, " " .	4 00	
Miss A. Fox, " " . .	7 00	
		$403 88

North Schools.

Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . .	$324 00	
Primary " " . .	264 00	
M. B. Stetson, wood, Jan. 1874, . .	15 00	
E. E. Tower, " . .	38 00	
George Osgood, labor on wood, . .	1 50	
Michael Sweeney, " " . .	3 00	
Charles Wilson, " " . .	9 00	
Miss M. A. Bates, for sweeping, .	2 00	
Teachers, care of fires and rooms, Summer terms, ...	6 00	
Making fires and care of rooms, . .	12 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., wood, .	8 25	
		$682 75

Centre Schools.

Paid Grammar School teacher, . . .	$324 00	
Primary " " . . .	264 00	
E. E. Tower, wood, ...	2 75	
M. B. Stetson, " . . .	3 00	
Franklin Bates, labor on wood, . .	3 00	
Henry T. P. Bates, " .	3 00	
Henry T. P. Bates, making fires, . .	12 00	
Teachers, care of fires and rooms, Summer term, ...	6 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, .	54 33	
		$672 08

South Schools.

Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . .	$324 00	
Primary " " . .	264 00	
M. B. Stetson, wood, ...	15 50	
F. H. Pratt, labor on wood, . .	7 87	
Teachers, care of fires and rooms, Summer term, ...	6 00	
Charles B. Pratt, making fires, .	12 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . .	27 92	
		$657 29

Beechwood Schools.

Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . .	$413 12	
Primary " " . .	241 50	
Estate of E. Meman, wood, . . .	60	
Elmer E. Bates, making fires last year,	6 00	
Lot W. Bates, wood, ...	40 00	
" " " . . .	12 00	
" " labor on wood, . .	24 50	
Teachers, care of fires and rooms, Summer term, ...	6 00	
Elmer E. Bates, making fires, . .	12 00	
		$755 72

Harbor School.

Paid Teacher, ...	$264 00	
A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, .	9 00	
Teacher, care of fire and room, . .	3 00	
F. A. Rich, ...	6 00	
		$282 00

PERKINS SCHOOL.

Paid Teacher, ...	$103 00	

KINGSTREET SCHOOL.

Paid Teacher, ...	$180 00	
Samuel James, wood, . . .	9 00	
" " "	6 00	
Mrs. A. W. Burbank, wood, . .	9 00	
E. L. James, labor on wood, . .	4 50	
Teacher, care of room, . . .	3 00	
		$211 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. L. Hammett, Philbrick's Charts, &c.,	$7 37	
" " set Mitchell's Maps,	20 00	
A. Williams & Co., Drawing Books, .	15 50	
Miss Souther, 1 Speaker, . . .	60	
James R. Osgood & Co., Drawing Manuals,	9 60	
		$53 07
		$6,013 67
Unexpended balance, ...		98 85
		$6,112 52

Cr.

By unexpended balance of last year, . .	$156 04	
Town Appropriation, . . .	5,300 00	
Town of Hull, schooling children, . .	161 91	
Massachusetts School Fund, . .	252 99	
Dog Licenses, ...	175 68	
Interest from the Ripley Fund, . .	60 90	
Cash of H. Mott, schooling child, . .	5 00	
		$6,112 52

L. N. BATES,

Treasurer of School Committee.

Dr. Town of Cohasset in account with

1874–5.

To Paid Selectmen's orders drawn to date,		$14,530 82
Assessors' orders for Abatement of taxes,		444 07
State Aid to families of deceased Soldiers,		592 00
Town's appropriations for Schools,		5,300 00
Additional items for same account,		656 48
Discount on Taxes paid to Sept. 1, 1874		1,396 27
State Tax for 1874,		2,600 00
County Tax for 1874,		2,364 12
Recording of Deed from Galen James,		1 50
Estate Calvin Merriam, note due April 1, 1874,		500 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, note due April 1, 1874,		1,000 00
" " " demand note, May 8, 1872,		3,000 00
" " " " June 4, 1873,		2,000 00
Ellen Lothrop, demand note, 1873,		240 00
Drusilla S. Lothrop, " "		240 00
Eliz. N. Thaxter, " "		240 00
Caleb F. Nichols, " "		240 00
J. Q. A. Lothrop, " "		200 00
Interest on Town Notes,		1,315 49
		$36,860 75
Balance in Treasury,		$1,313 33
		$38,174 08

Cohasset, Feb. 1, 1875.

A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer, Cr.

1874–5.

By Balance in Treasury from former account,		$2,603 57
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1874,		1,129 16
" " " National Bank Tax, 1874,		1,217 14
" " " State Aid,		498 00
" " " State Paupers,		10 00
" " " Income of Mass. School Fund, 1874,		252 99
" Interest on State Tax, paid in anticipation,		38 54
" County Treasurer, on account of Dog Licenses, 1874,		175 68
" Town of Hull, for board of Milliken, to Feb. 1, 1875,		272 50
" Town of Hull, schooling for children, 1873,		161 91
" " " repairs at Strait's Pond, 1873,		38 11
" John J. Lothrop, on acct. support of son,		164 66
" L. N. Lincoln, for income Town Hall,		64 00
" Cohasset Mutual Fire Insurance Co., rent of office to Jan. 1, 1875,		50 00
" A. A. Blaney, for sales at Alms-house,		82 85
" Bourne & Nickerson, stock from Alms-house,		39 91
" Sundry persons, eggs, vegetables, &c., from Alms-house,		26 85
" Henry Mott, for schooling of son,		5 00
" Pedlar, for license,		8 00
" From sale of old "Cooper's shop," and stone from do.,		39 00
" Interest Ripley Fund,		60 90
" Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money,		1,500 00
" Mrs. Martha T. Bates, "		1,700 00
" Amount of Tax list, 1874,		28,035 31
		$38,174 08

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1873,	$1,325,702 00
" " Personal Estate, " " .	902,907 00
	$2,228,609 00
Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1874,	$1,374,229 00
" " Personal Estate, " " .	857,553 00
	$2,231,762 00
Increase in valuation, 1874, . . .	$3,153 00
Number of Polls, May 1, 1874, . 563.	
Tax on Polls and Estate, ...	$27,906 80
Rate per cent on $1,000, . . $12.00.	
Number of Dwelling-houses, May 1, 1874, . .	493
" " Horses, May 1, 1874, . . .	201
" " Cows, " "	189
" " Sheep, " "	72
" " Acres of Land Taxed, May 1, 1873, .	5,816¾

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED THE ENSUING YEAR.

For Payment of Debt, ...	$1,500 00
Payment of Interest, ...	1,400 00
Discount on Taxes.	1,400 00
Support of Poor, ...	2,000 00
Support of Schools, ...	5,900 00
Removing Snow, ...	400 00
Roads and Bridges, ...	700 00
Repairs on School-houses, ...	500 00
Repairs of Highways, ...	4,000 00
Town Officers, ...	1,000 00
Printing and Fire Department, . . .	400 00
Miscellaneous, ...	800 00
	$20,000 00

A LIST OF JURORS,

As prepared by the Selectmen to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town, at its Annual Town Meeting, March 1st, 1875.

Daniel J. Bates.
Andrew J. Arnold,
George Beal.
Washington Brown.
Edwin Bates.
Alden Beal.
Herbert O. Beal.
William Beal.
Ezra Brown.
Charles A. Cousens.
Louis T. Cushing.
Horace J. Damon.
D. S. G. Doane,
E. E. Ellms.
Stephen D. Farrar.
A. W. Hayden.
Galen James.
J. Loring Litchfield.
Abraham Lincoln.
Isaiah Lincoln.
James Pettee,
Aaron Pratt.
John L. Pratt.
Henry Snow.
Charles T. Sables.
Ziba Small.
Joseph H. Smith.
Edwin Souther.
Franklin Stoddard.
Daniel N. Tower.
James J. Tower.
Ezra Towle.
Alfred Whittington.
Israel C. Vinal.

Number of Dogs Licensed in Cohasset in 1874.

Whole number,		89
Male,	81	
Female,	8	

LIST OF

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Registered in Cohasset for the Year 1874.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Date.	NAMES.	Where and by Whom Married.
Jan. 7,	Jeremiah McCarthy, of Scituate..... Catherine Queeney, of Cohasset.....	Married in Weymouth by Rev. H. P. Smyth.
" 13,	Joseph B. Barker, of Cohasset..... Mary A. Thomas of Weymouth.....	Married in Quincy by Rev. G. W. Whitney.
" 23,	Charles Stetson, of Weymouth..... Susan J. Bates, of Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq.
" 29,	Samuel W. Cook, of Scituate..... Lizzie Bryant (Curlett,) of Cohasset...	Married in Scituate by Rev. N. P. Gilman.
" 29,	John George, of Cohasset ..... Annie Miller, of Newton,.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens.
Feb. 9,	Alonzo Smith, of Cohasset..... Helen A. Priest, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens.
" 16,	Antoine Morris, of Cohasset..... Rose Garcia, "	Married in Weymouth by Rev. P. J. Leddy.
April 30,	Amos A. Lawrence, of New York ..... M. Anna Rich, of Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
May 3,	Edward E. Wentworth, of Cohasset... Mary H. Nickerson, " ...	Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens.
June 16,	George H. Lincoln, of Cohasset..... Lucy E. Marsh, of Scituate.....	Married in Scituate by Rev. N. P. Gilman.
Aug. 30,	Timothy W. Browne, of Cohasset..... Maria A. Babson, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. T. S. Norton.
Sept. 26,	John E. Ney, of Cohasset..... Lois Litchfield, "	Married in Scituate by Rev. C. D. R. Meacham.
Oct. 3,	James S. Beal, 2nd, of Hingham..... Georgianna Barnes, "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 5,	Manuel Sylvia, of Cohasset..... Anna Frates. "	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
" 21,	Abner F. Pierce, of Boston..... Mary A. Simpson, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev. James O. Thompson.
" 21,	George F. Bourne, of Cambridge..... Etta A. Rich, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.

MARRIAGES.—(Continued.)

Date.	NAMES.	Where and by Whom Married.
Nov. 16,	Joseph S. Dutrey, of Cohasset.....	Married in Weymouth by Rev.
	Mary F. Sylvia, "	P. J. Leddy.
" 25,	Amos E. Tilden, of Cohasset	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Mary E. Chamberlain, "	M. A. Stevens.
" 26,	Charles J. Priest, of Cohasset	Married in Hingham by Rev.
	Harriet E. Battles, "	J. Tilson.
Dec. 6,	John J. A. Pratt, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Mary F. Antoine, "	Joseph Osgood.
" 13,	Francis M. Damon, of Scituate.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Lucy J. Litchfield, "	Joseph Osgood.
" 13,	Joseph E. Geary, of Scituate.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Mary J. Bowditch, "	Joseph Osgood.
" 20,	Luther C. Litchfield, of Scituate	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Hattie M. Bates, of Cohasset.....	T. S. Norton.
" 26,	George Taylor, of Cohasset.....	Married in Cohasset by Rev.
	Harriet Tower, "	James O. Thompson.

Whole number of marriages registered during the year 1874, twenty-four, or two less than the number during the previous year.

BIRTHS.

Date of Birth.	NAMES.	Residence of Parents.	Place of Birth.
January 6,	*Charlie F. Hamilton,.....	Cohasset,	Pleasant Street.
" 11,	Fannie Lawrence, ...	"	Snow Place.
" 12,	*Clarence Brazil,.....	"	Atlantic Avenue.
" 26,	Burgess Clifford Tower,.....	"	North Main Street.
February 3,	*Joseph E. Penfold,.....	"	Cedar Street.
" 12,	*George H. Tyrer,.....	"	North Main Street.
" 19,	Grace May Tilden,.....	"	Highland Avenue.
" 25,	Rebecca Maria Downes,.....	"	Pleasant Street.
March 8,	Mary Edith Wood,.....	"	Beechwood Street.
" 12,	*Josie Kittrell,.....	"	Jerusalem Road.
" 19,	George Franklin Sargent,....	"	Church Street.
" 28,	Percy Brownell Bates,.....	"	Elm Street.
April 8,	Augustus Sprague Burgess,...	"	Church Street.
May 21,	*George Thomas Bates, } Twins.	"	Beechwood Street.
" 21,	Sarah Bates, }	"	" "
" 28,	Daniel Francis O'Brien..	"	Pleasant Street.
June 8,	*Mary Caroline Valine,.....	"	Margin Street.
" 22,	Clayton Stanwood Williams,.	"	Hull Street.
July 8,	Grenville Norcross Lincoln,..	"	" "
" 17,	Frank Joseph Antoine,.....	"	Margin Street.
" 23,	David Gebner Renshaw,.....	"	Hingham.
" 23,	Abbie Rich Bates,.....	"	Joy Place.
" 25,	Leonora Pimentel,.....	"	Snow Street.
" 25,	Chas. Edw'd Andrew Barnes,.	"	Jerusalem Road.

BIRTHS.—(Continued.)

Date of Birth.	NAMES.	Residence of Parents.	Place of Birth.
" 28,	Mabel Lydia Crane,.....	Cohasset.	Beechwood Street.
" 28,	John Albert Lincoln Souther,	"	Pond Street.
" 29,	Manuel William Sylvia,.....	"	Beechwood Street.
August 8,	George Winthrop Souther,...	"	North Main Street.
" 8,	Henry Louis Loney,.....	"	Pleasant Street.
" 12,	John Richard Roach,.....	"	South Main Street.
" 16,	Joseph Pearson,.....	"	Margin Street.
" 17,	*Minnie E. Francis,.....	"	" "
" 22,	Emma Frances Stoddard,.....	"	Church Street.
" 23,	Edward Wells Spurr Arnold,.	"	Beechwood Street.
" 28,	Joseph Sylvia Dutra,.....	"	Margin Street.
" 31,	*Tiley Frances Groce,.....	"	Jerusalem Road.
" 31,	Mary Joseph,.....	"	Border Street.
September 3,	Walter Francis Sweeney,.....	"	Bow Street.
" 26,	James Francis Henry,.....	"	North Main Street.
" 28,	Edith Andrew Studley,.....	"	Summer Street.
October 4,	Elmira Abbott Blaney,.....	"	King Street.
" 6,	Annie Augusta James,.....	"	"
" 7,	Charles Jacinto,.....	"	Snow Place.
" 15,	Mary Miranda Pratt,.....	"	North Main Street.
" 30,	Robert William Waters,.....	"	South Main Street.
November 15,	Bates,.....	"	Beechwood Street.
" 22,	Cecilia Emeline Gillis,.....	"	Winter Street.
" 26,	Grace Ellis Sylvia, ...	"	Margin Street.
" 26,	Eliza Harriet O'Connell,.....	"	Pleasant Street.
" 27,	William Howard Pratt,.....	"	Beechwood Street.
December 12,	Mary Dalton,.....	"	Boston.
" 17,	Effie Eloise Lincoln,.....	"	Jerusalem Road.
" 24,	*Melinda W. Taylor,.....	"	Beechwood Street.
" 27,	Lydia Louise Morris,.....	"	" "

* See in the list of Deaths, also.

In the above list are the names of fifty-four children, born during the year 1874, and in this town, with two exceptions, one having been born in Hingham, and one in Boston. The list consists of twenty-nine males and twenty-five females, and of the number ten died during the year, five males and five females—leaving living on the first day of January, 1875, but forty-four of the number, twenty-four males and twenty females. Of the whole number there were born of

Parents both of foreign birth, .	18
" one " " . .	11
" neither " " . .	28

The returns of the births of three children in 1873, were obtained too late to be printed in the last year book. They are

BIRTHS.—(Continued.)

Date of Birth.	NAMES.	Residence of Parents.	Place of Birth.
March 13, 1873.	Ellen Powers.....	Cohasset.	No. Main St.
May 28, "	Caleb R. Joseph.....	"	Border St.
September 1, "	James S. Vialle.....	"	No. Main St.
		"	

Whole number of births registered in 1873, . 57
" " " " 1874, . 54

Decrease in 1774 from the previous year,.....3

DEATHS.

Date.	NAMES.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Disease.	Place of Death.
Jan. 5,	James B. Bates,.....	48	9	21	Pneumonia.....	Summer St.
" 10,	Elizabeth P. Tower,..	58	4	23	Congestion of Lungs.	South Main St.
" 29,	Antoine Miller,.....		6	27	Membrane Croup.....	Snow Place.
Feb. 1,	Caleb Beal, Jr.....	66	4	18	Abscess of Liver.....	Hull St.
" 3,	Joseph E. Penfold,...			10	Infantile	Cedar St.
" 22,	Sarah A. Gillis	1	7	10	Acute Meningitis.....	Pleasant St.
Mar. 4,	Clarence Brazil.....		1	18	Bronchitis.....	Atlantic Ave.
" 12,	Josie Kittrell.....			1	Infantile	Jerusalem Road
" 14,	Annie S. Ennice.....		9	13	Bronchitis	Snow Place.
" 15,	Catharine M. Nott....	49	11	3	PuerperalConvulsions	Beechwood St.
" 22,	James A. Waters.....	3	3	12	Acute Meningitis.....	Jerusalem Road
" 23.	Luther Jenkins.....	69	6	13	Heart Disease.....	South Main St.
" 25,	George H. Tyrer.....		1	12	Hydro Cephalus.....	North Main St.
Apr. 23,	Abner N. Bates.....	64	3	8	Pneumonia.....	Pond St.
" 26,	Sadie P. Dyer.....	1	7	5	Brain Fever.....	Beechwood St.
May 12,	John Fenno.....	79			Old Age.....	King St.
" 17,	Lydia Hollis.....	99	3	1	"	North Main St.
" 17,	Caleb Beal.....	90	9	17	Pneumonia.....	Hull St.
June 2,	William Morris.....	81	8		Bronchitis	King St.
" 26,	Mary C. Valine.....			18	Premature Birth.....	Margin St.
July 4,	James Pratt.....	74	2	19	Paralysis.....	Summer St.
" 6,	James H. Mulvey.....	22	1	22	Phthisis Pulmonalis..	Jerusalem Road
Aug. 17,	Georgie T. Bates.....		3		Cholera Infantum....	Beechwood St.
" 26,	Benjamin Pratt.....	7	6	19	Scarlet Fever.....	" "
Sep. 14,	Charles F. Hamilton..		8	11	Cholera Infantum....	Pleasant St.
" 25,	Tiley F. Groce.....			25	Canker.....	Jerusalem Road
" 26,	Minnie E. Francis....		1	9	Diarrhœa.....	Margin St.
Nov. 8,	Annie G. Litchfield...	1	11	10	Scarlet Fever.....	Beechwood St.
" 16,	Nancy E. Damon.....	2	10	27	Scarletina.....	" "
" 18,	Helen C. Pratt.....	2	5	6	"	" "
" 28,	Margaret E. Litchfield	5	2		"	" "
" 29,	Mary E. Knight.....	3	5	9	"	" "
Dec. 2,	Clara Smith.....	19	4		Consumption.....	Margin St.
" 7,	Henry Doane.....	61	7		Chronic Diarrhœa ...	Bow St.
" 24,	Harrison G. Bates.....	16	10		Bright's Dis. Kidneys.	Beechwood St.
" 26,	Eugene I. Arnold.....	2	4	22	Scarlet Fever.....	" "
" 28,	Melinda W. Taylor ...			4	Infantile Debility.....	" "

The following list contains the names of persons who died in other places, but were buried in this town.

DEATHS. — (Continued.)

Date of Death.	NAMES.	Age.			Place of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Feb. 22, 1874.	Sophia Morse	76	10		Hingham.
March 19, "	Lydia B. Morse	62	2	4	South Scituate.
April 2, "	Louis B. Gove	1	8		Boston.
May 24, "	Susan E. Parker	35	9		East Boston.
June 20, "	Carrie B. Pratt	1	11	21	Everett.
July 7, "	George O. Parker		1	21	East Boston.
August 31, "	Manuel Francis	3	1	27	Providence, R. I.
Oct. 29, "	Maria Richardson	43	7		Harrisburg, Penn.

There were thirty-seven deaths in this town in 1874, six less than during the previous year — the average age being about twenty-five years one month and three days. Fifty-four per cent of the number were children under five years old.

Any errors or omission in the foregoing lists should be reported at once to the Town Clerk.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING
March 1, 1875.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law.

ART. 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the Support of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Support of Poor, and other necessary charges for the current year.

ART. 5. In what manner will the Town collect the Taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury?

ART. 6. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors and families of the slain.

ART. 7. To hear the report of Selectmen on Guide-Boards, and act thereon.

ART. 8. Will the Town accept of the list of Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen?

ART. 9. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next?

ART. 10. Will the Town cause a Reservoir to be constructed on the northerly part of the Plain or Common, in the central part of the town?

Art. 11. Will the Town cause the road near the North School-House to be widened and straightened?

Art. 12. Will the Town dispose of the building in King Street used as a School-House, and build one that is suitable?

Art. 13. Will the Town instruct their Selectmen to procure Counsel and defend any suit for damages that has or may arise from the flowing of Strait's Pond, or act on anything relating thereto?

Art. 14. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a Lockup in some suitable place in said town, or act on anything relating thereto?

Art. 15. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to widen King Street between Pond Street and the dwelling of William H. Bates.

Art. 16. Will the Town make a special appropriation for the repairs of Cedar Street?

Art. 17. Will the Town cause a portion of their Records to be copied?

Art. 18. Will the Town act in conjunction with the Town of Scituate, in causing Fish Ways to be built on the Gulf Stream, so that Fish may have a passage-way to the ponds above?

Art. 19. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a Receiving Tomb, or act thereon?

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintendent of Schools, in Cohasset, respectfully submits to the School Committee the following Report.

The schools in the town during the year, have all been in a prosperous condition. There has been no change of teachers in any of them, since the beginning of the Spring term. The changes in school arrangements, recommended in the last Report, and approved of by the Committee, have been carried out, as far as practicable, with the promise of good results.

The recommendation, that the school year for engaging teachers, and for transferring scholars from one school to another, should begin with the Fall term, has been adopted, and new engagements were made with the teachers beginning at that time, to end with the close of the Summer term.

It was intended that, in order to raise the grade of our schools and secure a more satisfactory system, no children should be advanced during the year from any of the lower to the higher schools. But the Harbor Primary school had become so large that it was thought best to remove the highest class of six children to the Centre and

South Primary schools. The South Grammar school also was unusually large, and as the scholars in the first class were somewhat in advance of the first classes in the other Grammar schools in age and attainment, and as they would class very well with the lowest class in the High School, it was deemed advisable to transfer them to that school at the beginning of the school year. These are all the transfers of scholars from lower to higher schools, that have been made; and no others will need to be made, probably, till the close of the Summer term. Then a class from each of the Grammar schools should be advanced to the High School.

At the beginning of the next school year the system which has been adopted, and which for some years the Committee have been trying to perfect, and to carry out, will be fully inaugurated. The children will remain in the Primary schools longer than they have done, and will be farther advanced in learning when they enter the Grammar schools. The classes in the Grammar schools have been reduced to three, and it is intended that after remaining in these schools for three years, the children will be prepared to enter the High School. Those who are very slow in learning, or who are irregular in attendance from any cause, may have to remain four or more years.

In the more particular account which will now be given of each school, the number of scholars belonging to each is intended to show the size of the schools during this present Winter term.

The Jerusalem school has been continued under the charge of Miss Anna Fox, and contains 24 pupils. The school has been in good condition through the year, both with respect to order and the progress of the pupils.

The Perkins school, under the care of Miss Aroline Kimball, has always appeared to be doing well when visited. Number of Pupils 14.

Last Spring a change was made in the North schools; Miss Martha A. Bates was placed in charge of the Grammar school, and Miss Susan L. Stoddard was employed to teach the Primary school. Both schools have been taught and managed very satisfactorily, and are now in an excellent condition.

Number of pupils in the Primary school, 21, and in the Grammar school, 21.

The Centre Grammar school, has been continued under the charge of Miss Annie A. Souther, with 34 pupils; and the Centre Primary under the charge of Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, with 36 pupils. Miss Elizabeth D. Tower has taught the South Grammar school, consisting of 36 pupils, and Miss Myra L. Beal the South Primary, which contains 39 pupils. The Harbor school, of 39 pupils, has been continued under the care of Miss Charlotte M. Whittington. All these five last mentioned schools have been larger than most of the other schools, and they have had the disadvantage of containing some pupils who are able to attend school only a part of the year; but they have all been kept in a good state of discipline, and their teachers have labored very faithfully and successfully in their endeavors to teach the children committed to their care.

The Beechwoods Grammar school, taught by Mr. L. Webster Bates, contains 38 pupils; and the Beachwoods Primary, under the care of Miss Georgianna Bates, contains 19 pupils. Both schools are in a good condition; but both have suffered much in diminution of the number of pupils, and consequent interruption of the studies of the schools by the prevalence of scarlet fever among the

children. Near the close of the Fall term the number of pupils became reduced to six in each school, when it was thought best to suspend the schools till the disease should abate, and parents should think it safe to send their children. The Primary school is now probably smaller than it would be, had there been no epidemic sickness.

In accordance with a vote of the town, a new school has been established on King Street. The house for the school was not ready for occupation till the beginning of the Fall term. Then the school was commenced under the charge of Miss Mary B. Pratt. The present number of pupils is 19. Although Miss Pratt had had no previous experience, she has proved herself to be a successful and energetic teacher.

The house purchased and fitted up for the school, is pleasant and convenient, in a central location, and will probably be sufficiently large to accommodate the children in the vicinity, for some years to come.

The High School has been continued under the charge of Mr. W. H. Knight, with Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop as assistant teacher. Number of pupils 50. As the school has not been as large as in previous years, the services of a second assistant teacher for the Winter term has been dispensed with. The order of the school has been uniformly good, and the pupils who have attended the school have made good progress in their studies.

More had been done towards a proper classification of the scholars in the school than ever before. While the older scholars are in different stages of progress, and cannot be classed very satisfactorily, those who have entered the school during the last two years are arranged in two classes, and it is intended that they shall pursue regular courses of study, which will secure to them a more thor-

ough education than has been possible, as the school has been organized in former years. But in order to accomplish this, there must be certain fixed courses of study required of the whole school; or if there are any exceptions they must not be permitted to disturb the general system. If the preparation for admission is made more thorough, as it is hoped and intended that it may be made in the lower schools, and if scholars can be retained in the High School for five years, a good solid school education ought to be secured.

There is one thing which has impaired the efficiency of the High School very much, and in a less degree, the efficiency of some of the other schools. It is that there is a large number of boys who are obliged to labor or go a fishing during the warm months, but who desire to attend school in the winter. They of necessity fall behind those classes of children who attend school through the year, and when they come into school in the fall, they cannot be classed conveniently with the other children. The children who attend school regularly through the year, have their courses of study assigned them, and require for their proper instruction the whole time of their teachers. These new comers also, to be properly instructed, really need a good deal of the teachers' time. The teachers do the best they can under the circumstances, and try to teach both, while both the yearly scholars and the winter scholars suffer from want of due attention.

Now these boys who can attend school only in the cold months, really need and ought to have the best instruction — such instruction as they have never yet been able to receive in our schools, but such as they could receive if our schools were properly organized.

This can be provided for only by establishing a Winter school, to be continued four or five months for the especial education of these boys. It should be put under the charge of a wise, faithful and experienced teacher who could devote his whole time to their instruction. This arrangement would complete our school system, and bring it to as high a degree of efficiency as it could probably be made to reach, under the conditions in which we are placed.

All the teachers during the year have done their work faithfully, and every school is now in a very satisfactory condition. Most of the teachers by attending teachers' conventions, by taking lessons in drawing, at the expense of considerable time and money, by visiting schools, and by other means, have sought to improve themselves in the art of teaching. The results are manifest in the improvement and increased interest of their schools.

In order to keep up with the progress of education, and to avail themselves of new methods and new ideas, they should make their profession a constant study. They would be assisted greatly in this by subscribing for, and carefully reading the New England Journal of Education, a weekly publication, which is intended to combine and give expression to the best educational talent of teachers, and of those interested in education in New England.

There was an Institute held last Fall for the benefit of the teachers, by the Secretary and agents of the State Boards of Education, with excellent results, in the new interest awakened among the teachers and the valuable instruction given them. The instructions and lectures given in the Institute were also highly appreciated by the people of the town who attended the meetings, and cannot but be helpful to the cause of education, by awak-

ening attention, and communicating new ideas. By holding such meetings, the Board of Education have the opportunity of doing incalculable good to the teachers and schools of the State.

In addition to the common branches always taught in our schools, and which have received due attention, some other branches have been taught with more or less faithfulness and success. Singing has been practised more or less in all the schools, and in some of the schools regular instructions has been given in the practice of singing and reading the notes of music.

Drawing, which may become a very agreeable and useful branch of education, has been introduced into all the schools. A large proportion of the teachers hired a teacher, from the State Normal Art School, Miss Sophronia P. Oakes, to give them especial instruction, and the promise is, that much more will be accomplished, in this department of education, than ever before.

Efforts have been made to enlarge the course of study in our schools in other directions, to teach children to observe, to awaken in their minds an interest in the study of Natural History, especially Botany, to accustom them to compose and write sentences correctly, and to read and speak with greater fluency and expression. Not all has been accomplished that is desirable, but it is hoped that these objects may be pursued with increased earnestness, and that better results may be secured another year.

The school-houses and out-buildings have been kept in good order, during the year, and no wanton or mischievous damage done in them or to them, in any respect, has come to my knowledge. The rooms, also, have been kept neatly, without exception, and in some cases, they

have been considerably improved in appearance. All the money that has been spent on the school-houses and their appurtenances, has been spent for necessary repairs, for supplying deficiencies, making them more convenient and comfortable, and protecting them from injury and deterioration.

The addition which you made at the beginning of the Fall term, to the teachers' salaries, was eminently deserved and proper. It is a testimony of your appreciation of their services, and at the same time, an encouragement to them to try to qualify themselves more thoroughly for their work, and to do their best for their schools. And the compensation now, is no more than just. Indeed, at the advanced rates, the wages of the female teachers in the town will be less than the wages in 1872 and '73, in the neighboring towns. Then, according to the report of the Secretary of the Board of Education, the average of monthly wages of female teachers was, in Hingham, $35.41, in Hull, $36.00, in Scituate, $34.50, in South Scituate, $38.36, while at present, at the advanced rates, the female teachers in Cohasset will receive but $33.31, per month, on an average.

Owing to the increased compensation paid the teachers, and the increase of our schools, and their expenses, it will be necessary to increase our appropriation for school purposes to fifty-nine hundred dollars. This may seem to be a large amount, but when we take into consideration that, according to the last report of the Secretary of the Board of Education, in the Graduated Table of the taxable property of three hundred and forty-two towns in the State appropriated to the support of Public Schools, Cohasset stands the two hundred and ninety-ninth; it cannot seem unreasonable. It is true that the

increase of our appropriation last year will raise the rank of the town on the list, yet we shall probably be less burthened than neighboring towns, which have heavier debts, and smaller resources.

Our schools were never so well organized as they are at present, or in a better condition, or with more efficient teachers. It becomes us to cherish them with renewed interest, and to give to them a cordial and generous support.

I would call your attention to the 267th chapter of the Laws of Massachusetts, of the Session in 1873, — to an Act concerning "Truant Children, and Absentees from School." That requires, that the town shall make by-laws to carry out the provisions of said Act. It also authorizes the town, if no other place of confinement and discipline for truant children has been provided, "to assign the State Primary School at Monson," as the place of confinement, discipline, and instruction for persons convicted under the provisions of this act," with the assent of the State Board of Charities.

The act also requires the School Committee to appoint and fix the compensation of two suitable persons to act as truant officers. It is proper that the town should act on this matter, and if the by-laws already adopted by the town, do not meet the requirements of the law, to adopt new by-laws. The town should also take action on the adoption of the State Primary School, at Monson, as the place for the confinement of its truant children.

Respectfully submitted,

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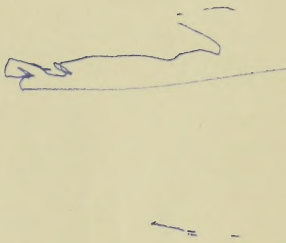
Rev. M. A. Stevens,
J. Q. A. Lothrop, Esq.
} *School Committee.*

In School Committee, Feb. 11, 1875.

The Superintendent submitted his Annual Report, which was unanimously approved and accepted.

It was voted, that the Committee adopt the Report submitted by the Superintendent of the Public Schools, and present it to the citizens of Cohasset, as the Report of the School Committee for the year 1875.

M. A. STEVENS. *Secretary.*



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